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CHAPTER 100

You're Punpun...
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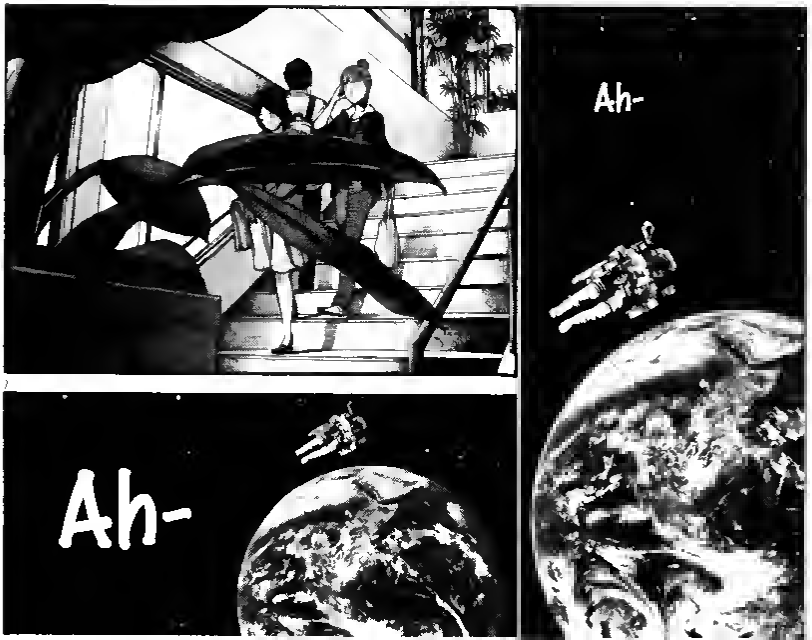
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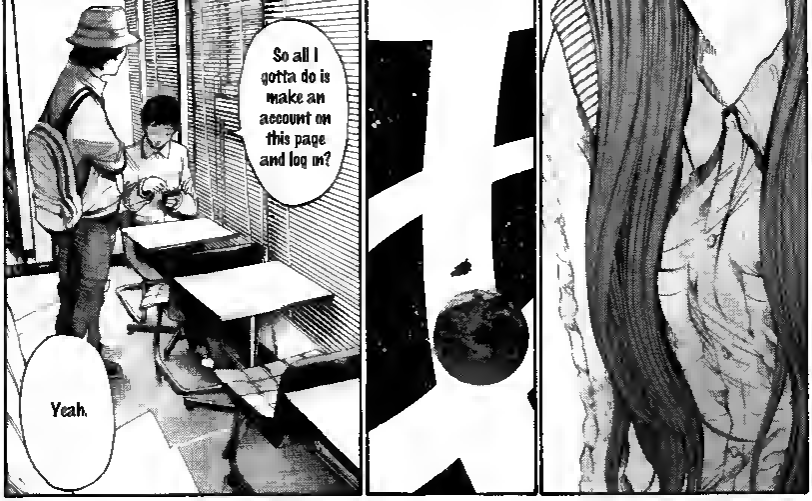
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Yeah.

I wish he'd just drop dead.
Totally.

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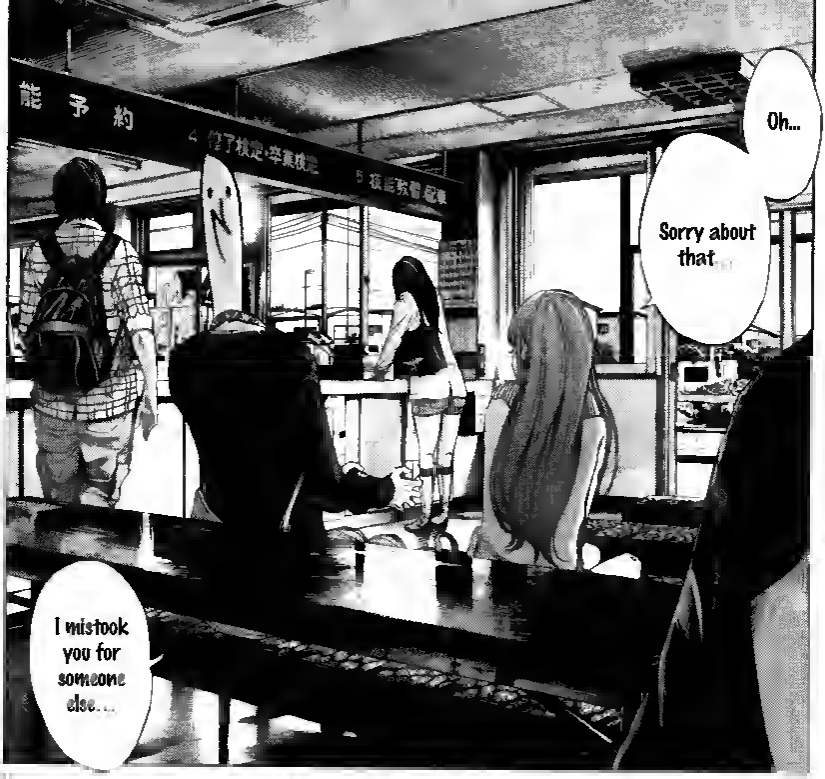
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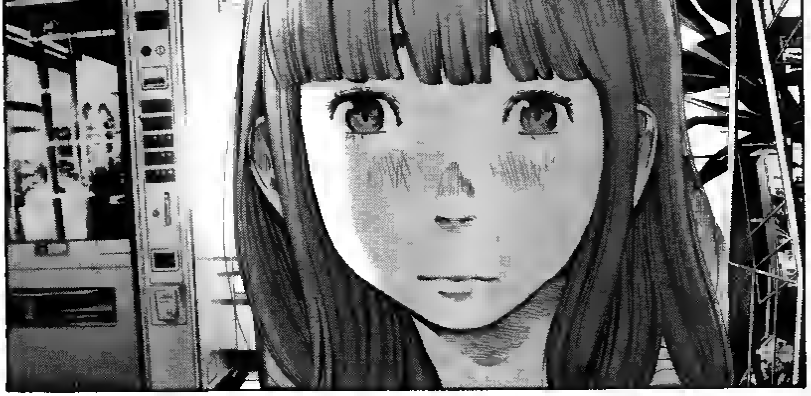
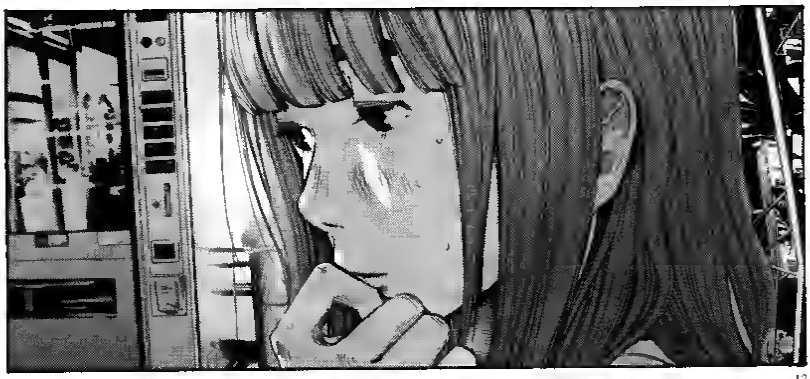
Oh...
Sorry about that...
I mistook you for someone else...

"...No, it's me, Punpun."





Do you...
Remember me...?

Umm...
Fujikawa?

Fujikawa?

Huh? Do you two know each other?
...Fujikawa!
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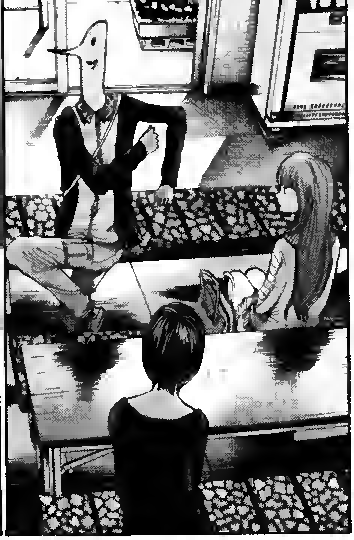
"Y-yeah! She's an old classmate of mine that I just happened to run across here of all places. Talk about a coincidence, eh? Or are you the type to believe in fate, causality, or whatnot?"

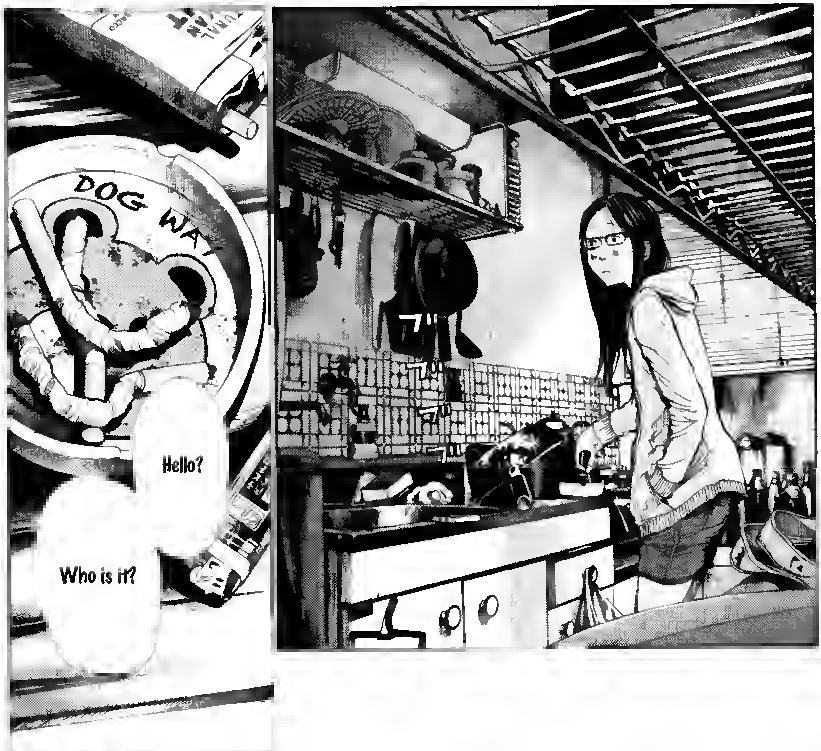


Oh, I see now.
In any case, I just got a call from my mom.
She said she's coming here to Tokyo to check up on how I'm doing.
So I'm sorry about the sudden change of plans but I gotta go meet her at the station.

INCOMING CALL

Hello?
What? Ugh, I'm feelin' all stuffy just from listening to your voice, Kanie.
...Yeah, I'm feeling a lil' better now.
No, I don't think it's a cold but...
I'll go to the hospital tomorrow just in case.
...The manuscript's almost done. I'm having it looked over by the editor next week.

How's Punpun?
That's what I'd like to know. I don't even know if he's still alive.
...Yeah, yeah, thanks for your concern. Gonna hang up now, alright?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Hello?
Who is it?

Ohhh, I see.
It's because your mom remarried.
If you ask me though, I think I liked it better when you were Punyama...

It's good seeing you again though.
I'm glad you haven't changed too much.

In any case,
This all feels so weird.
To think we'd be going to the same driving school...
Since I only have a couple more lessons before I graduate, I guess it's like I'm your senpai...

Hm?
No, no I'm not part-timing.
Umm...
I have work after this so I need to take off now but...
Do you want to go get lunch together next time? I'm usually here for driving classes during the weekend.
Umm, well...
Keep this a secret from our old school classmates, okay?
It's a little embarrassing to say out loud...

I'm...
Actually working as a model.

Do you remember?
When I was a kid, I said I wanted to become an actress, singer, or model.
Looks like my dreams came true.

Cast of Characters

Fujikawa Takashi
↓↘→↓↘→Ⓟ
A.k.a. Onodera Punpun.

Nanjou Sachi
↓↙←Ⓚ
24 year old female aspiring to be a mangaka.
Cram-school tutor

Kanie Miyuki
←ため→Ⓟ
Sachi's former school classmate.

Mimura Setsuyuki
→↓↘Ⓟ
University student. Punpun's friend.

Hebitsuka Gesumi
(Close range attack) 1 Full turn + Ⓟ
Mimura's girlfriend.

Shishido Heiroku
↙→↘↓↙←↘Ⓟ
Real-estates manager. Currently hospitalized.

Driving School Classmate
Spam Ⓚ
University student. Big tits.

Toshiki
↓↘→ⓅⓅⓅ
A super-angel who lurks the town.

Tanaka Aiko
Weak Ⓟ, Weak Ⓟ → Weak Ⓚ, Strong Ⓟ

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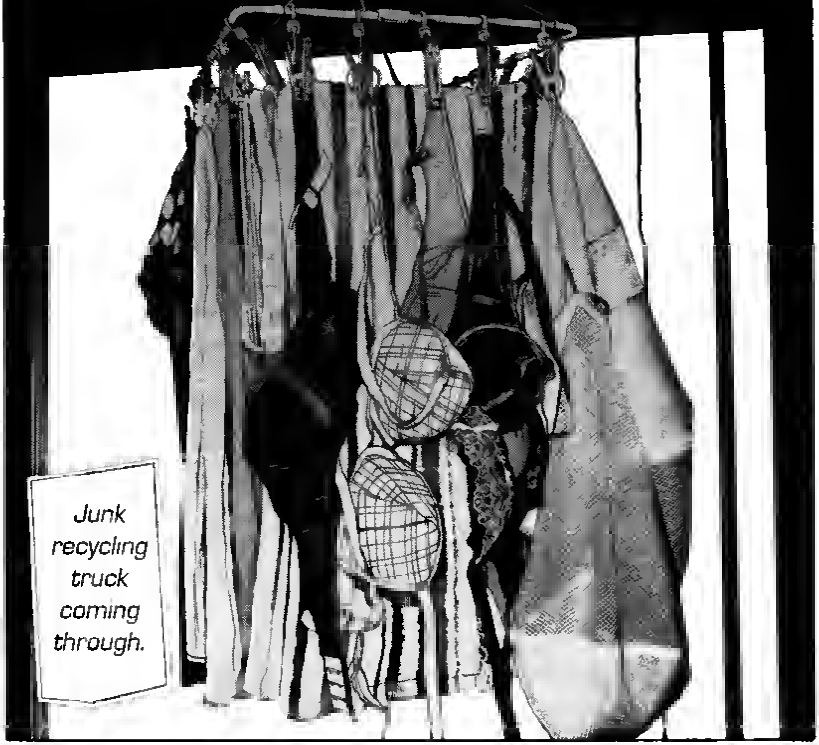
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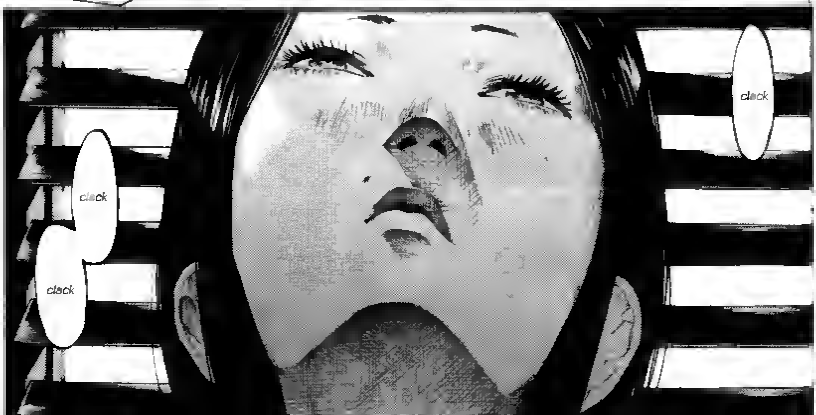
Bikes, radios, or some other junk you wish to throw away
Please feel free to bring out any old or broken PCs, CD players,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...Right, I need to get going.

You left something here?
How the hell should I know where the duplicate key to your girl's place is?
No, I'm going vacationing in Okinawa with Kanie next week.
...Fine, I'll hide my key outside my door so come look for it yourself!
Hello?

Hm? Yeah, yeah, I'm fine. It's just a cold.
...Yeah, alright.
Bye.

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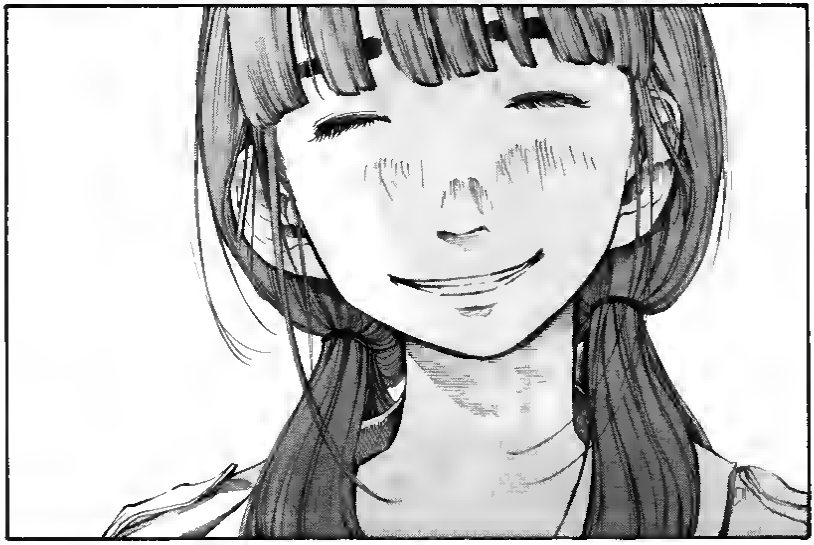

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Well,
I'm not really all that tall, you know?

That's why I thought it was impossible for someone like me to be a model.
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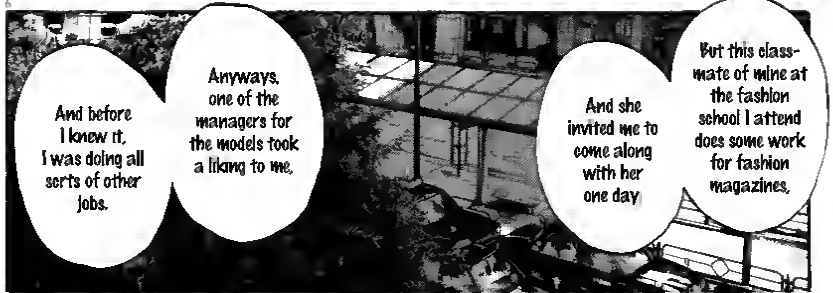
And before I knew it, I was doing all sorts of other jobs.
Anyways, one of the managers for the models took a liking to me.
And she invited me to come along with her one day.
But this classmate of mine at the fashion school I attend does some work for fashion magazines.

These days,
I'm doing a lot of vocal training or general lessons for modelling and acting.
But...
Modelling's a lot tougher than I thought. You need both talent and luck to succeed.

To be honest, I wouldn't mind just working in textile design.
Which is basically designing clothes.
Then again doing some net working with the right people in the fashion industry is never a bad thing.

Aiko is... talking right before my eyes...

At the moment, Onodera Punpun/Fujikawa Takashi thought thus.

Hm?
The magazine I'm in?
Sorry, it's too embarrassing to tell!

So you'd probably find it if you looked for it
But it's something you can easily find at most convenience stores.

You're jealous?
Why, how're things going with you?
"Oh, is that so? Well maybe I will go look for it the next time I'm at a store... Don't worry, it's nothing to be embarrassed about. I'm almost jealous at how happy and well you're doing in life. Then again, I shouldn't have expected any less from you!"

"Well... I'm just your average university student. I'm thinking it might be nice to become a teacher so I'm currently majoring in education and prepping for the teacher's license exam. I say prepping, but to be honest I'm just wasting time by going out drinking and playing indoor soccer with my friend, haha!"

"No, no! It's nothing like that. That girl was just a stranger I was making friendly conversation with."

Oh...?
You mean you were hitting on her?
Didn't expect you to be so easy-going like that, haha.

But, umm...
By "that girl,"
Does that mean there is another girl who's your girlfriend?

Ha, I knew it.
"...Yeah."
What's she like?

Who confessed to who?
Oh, she's younger than you?
"She's... A younger coworker at my part-time job."
"Uhh... There wasn't really anything of that sort. The part-time job's at a rental store so we were just talking about music and movies we liked and it just uhh... sort of took off from there."

"But we've hit sort of a rough spot after a year and a half since we've started going out. She's a little depressed right now so it's been tough trying to cheer her up... It's not all bad though. I mean, I don't mind taking care of others and my sex drive is pretty low for a guy so I'm cool with not getting any these days, haha."

"So... what about you? Considering you're a stylish model and all... Finding a boyfriend isn't too big of a problem, am I right?

Yaguchi?
We broke up a looong time ago, all the way back in middle school!
That really takes me back though You sure do have a good memory
"Really? What about Yaguchi?"
Well...
Not quite.

"...Oh. That's too bad, I thought you two were a nice couple."
Lend me your ear...
There's something I've been dying to tell you for a little while now but...
More importantly,
The lady sitting next to us,
Is a man, right?
She's gonna overhear us...
Sshhh...
Pffft...

Aiko effortlessly changed her expressions, and at times, burst out a laugh...
Hmm...
I guess my current boyfriend is completely different from Yaguchi.
Oh, but it's not like he's some rich old dude. He's a pretty normal guy that works for a small company
For one, he's a lot older and really mature.
I'm a little on the naive side so it's nice having someone who can give me good advice and scold me when I screw up
There used to be a time when I wouldn't have given a chance to smart guys like that but nowadays, I really respect people like him.
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But things aren't all good...
He really likes the outdoors so he's always going hiking or camping somewhere far away with his buddies on the weekends while leaving me behind.
Then again,
I'm no different since I'm usually shopping or travelling somewhere with my own friends.

Laughing and talking just like any other normal girl...

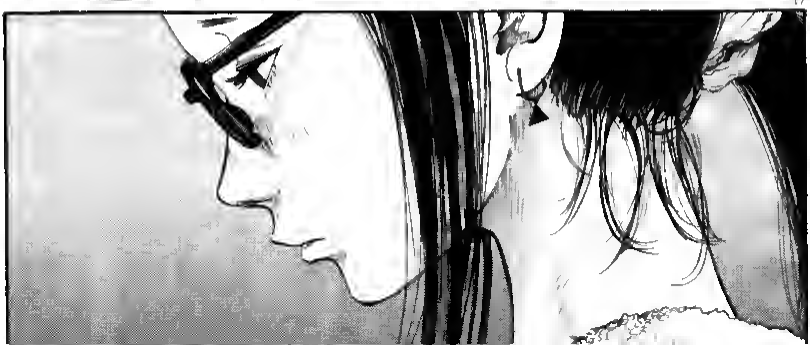
Oh,
Sorry about going on about my relationship troubles like that.
It's hard to stop since you always were such a good listener. Pompon

No... Just like any other stupid, vapid girl.

This girl isn't... the Aiko I know.

I've marked a few lines here and there in the manuscript.
So I just need you to revise them, that's all.
Easy to understand with no ambiguous end.
I knew you could do it if you just tried.

You know, you've been sighing an awful lot for the past little while now.
Look, you can always go on to draw what you really want once you make a couple sellers
I'm telling you, this is good enough!
You could have the most amazing opinion to say but no one's gonna bother listening to it unless you establish yourself first.



You should've realized by now,
He was only dragging you down.
Onodera was the one who wrote the story for your previous manuscript, right?
I'm not sure what your exact intentions were then but

...Right.

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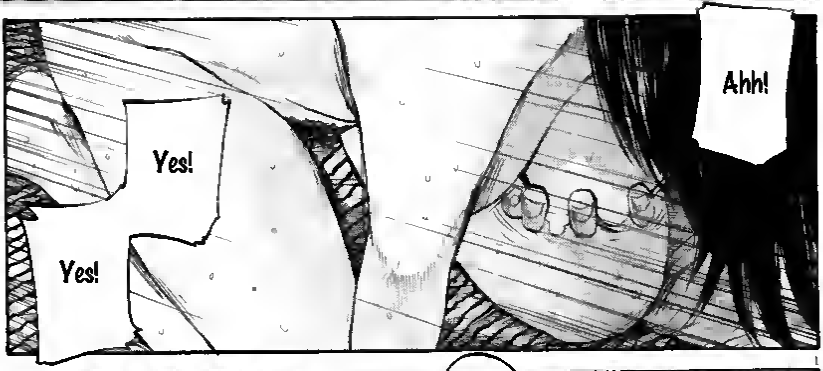
Ahh!
Yes!
Yes!

You hungry?
I got some leftovers that I can microwave if you want.

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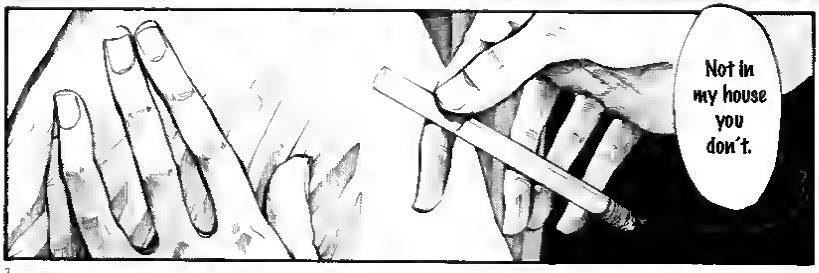
Takashi, you smoke?


Not in my house you don't.

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What, that?
Oh, that's just my student id..
Don't you know it's bad for you?
And if you really have to smoke, at least do it under the ventilation fan.

Hey, let me go!
No means no!
"Oh, come ooonn...!"
"Why not? C'mon, can't I take just a peak? Pretty please?"
Nooo, don't look at it!
That picture's from so long ago so no!

Could you...
Actually just drop this already?

Hm?
What?
One more time?
Sorry but no.
I already took a shower so maybe next time!

My mom said she'd come visit me again next month.
I should have my driver's license by then so maybe I'll take her for a drive..
Do you want to come along?
You really should meet my mom at least once. She's a reaaally fun person.

Oh, right.
You said you'd be busy with indoor soccer next month, right?

I'm personally not too interested in soccer
Other than offside being some important rule I don't know much about it either.
Even so, maybe I'll come watch your game and bring you lunch.
I'd love to meet with your friends too...

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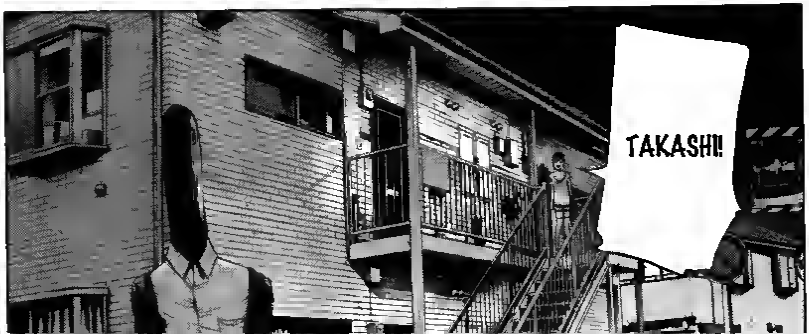
Ha

I think,
We're a perfect match for each other, don'cha think?
I never thought I'd be able to make new friends so soon...

Huh?
What's wrong?
No, it's just... there was a tarantula on the wall...
Huh?
What's the matter? Are you mad about something?

"W-whoa, your wall's real smooth and slippery... Aha... ha..."
W-what?
You're going home?
"Sorry... I'm really sorry about all this..."

What's wrong?
Come on, tell me!
Are we still going to the movies tomorrow or...?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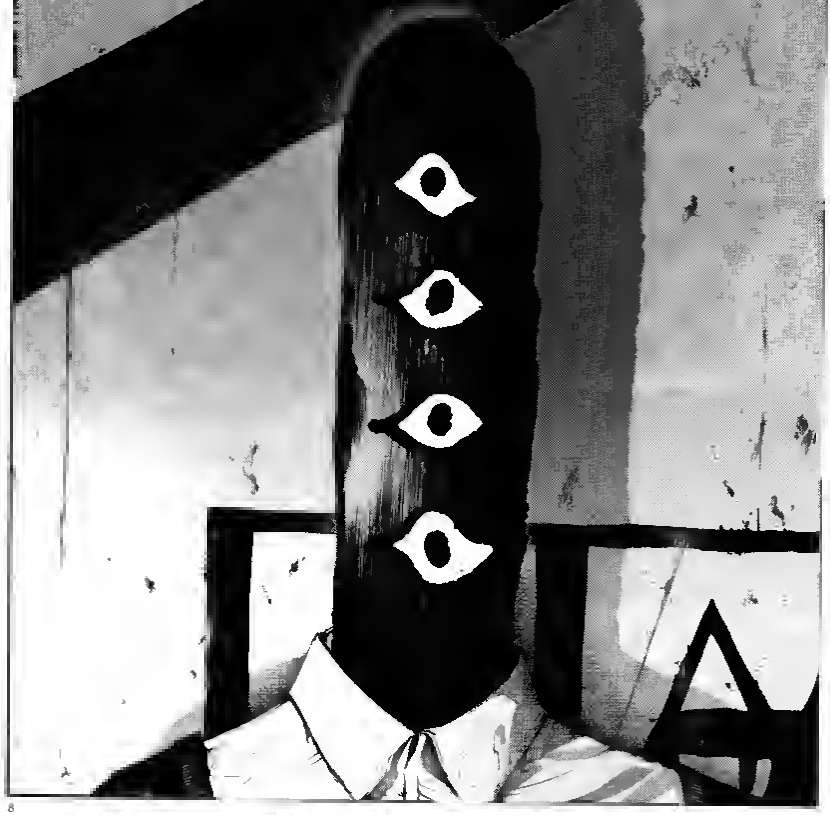

This is wrong...

This isn't how it's supposed to be...

...Punpun then asked himself.

"Is that..."

"What my face always looked like...?

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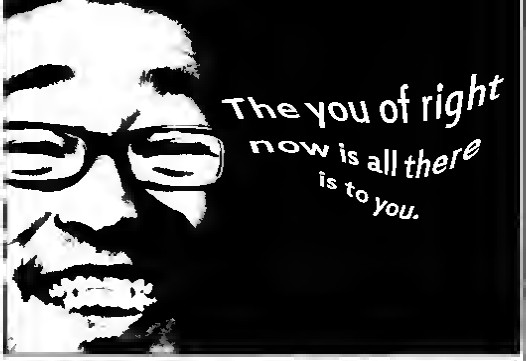
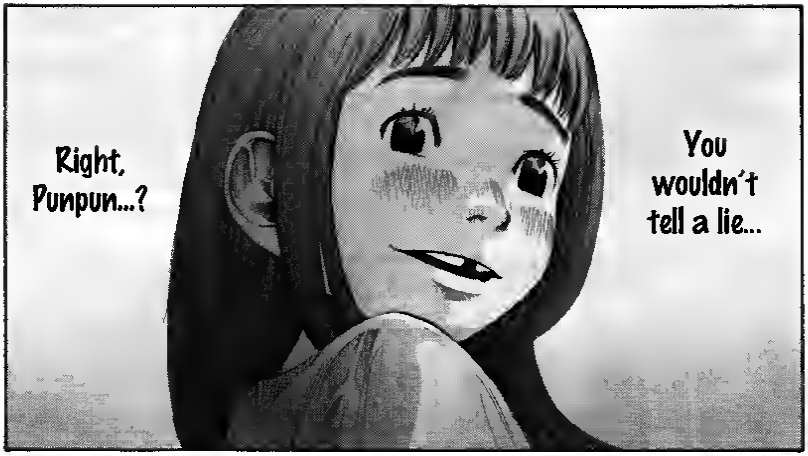


Back when he was a kid, Aiko once told him, "In the near future, oil's going to run out and the environment will be so polluted that humans will go extinct."

Taking her words seriously that day led him to become the mess he was today.

Meanwhile, Aiko went on to follow her dreams without a care in the world, forgetting that she ever spoke such things



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...You're the one who lied.

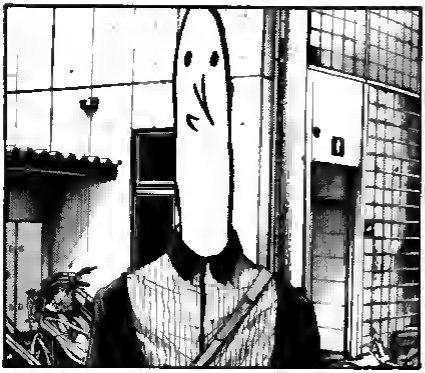
Hm?
Punpun didn't come?
I... I tried calling him but he said he was already busy with other plans and uhh yeah
...Oh.
Huh, weird seeing you eating candy, Nanjou.

Is something troubling you?
Just tryin' to quit smoking. Those damn things are getting way too expensive!
Alright then. Kanie, let's arrange the plans for our trip to Okinawa already
Oh please, as if there's someone in this world without at least one or two problems!
Umm...

Sorry...
Did I make you wait for too long?

The thing I had to do before coming here took a little longer than I thought...
Oh, here.
It's some souvenir food that my photographer gave me after coming back from Guam. He gave me way too much so you should take some.

"Oh thanks. And don't worry being late. I was actually busy studying in a café until just a little while ago."



"...No, not really but let's just start walking around first."

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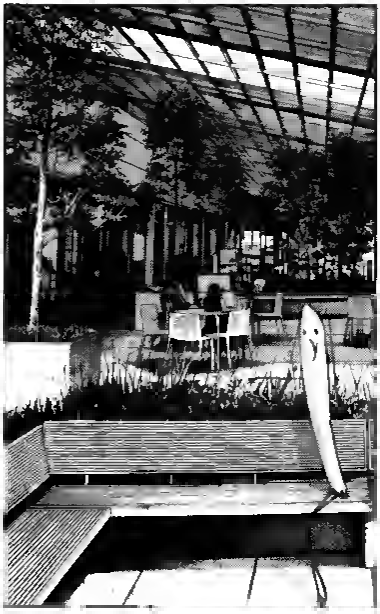

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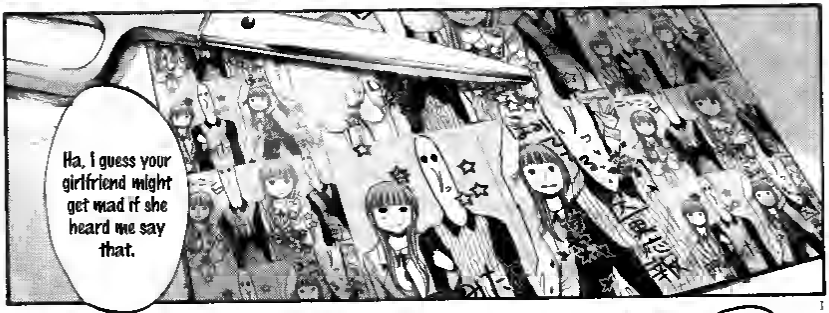
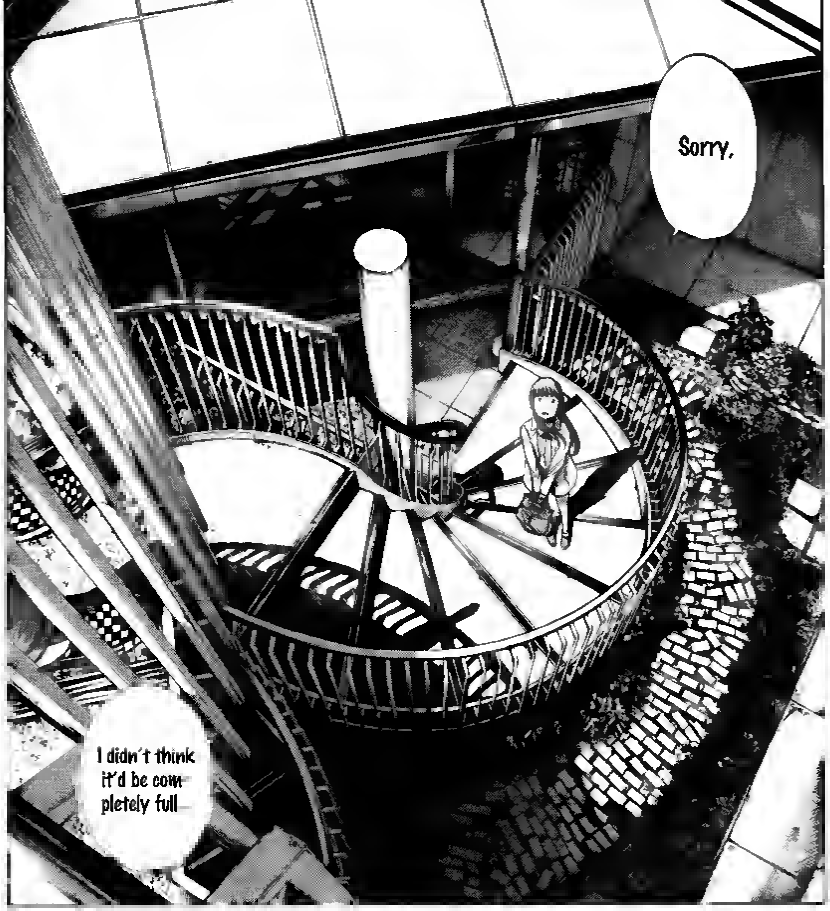
Somehow I get the feeling,
You and I are on the same brainwaves or something.
I've actually been meaning to check out that movie for a while now.
Maybe we have the same tastes in movies?


Ha, I guess your girlfriend might get mad if she heard me say that.

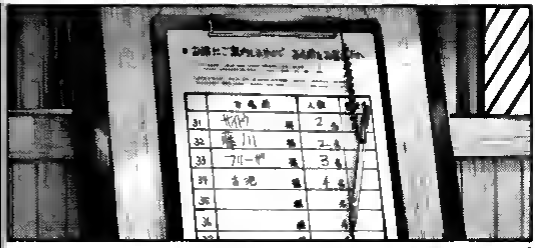
Oh, that's right.
There's this cute little cafe around here that my friend works at
Would you like to go?

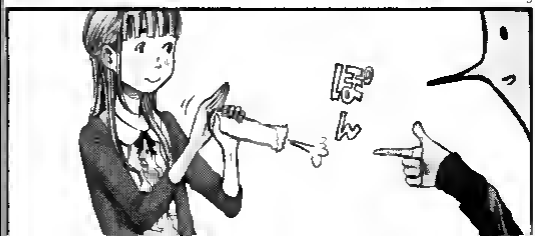

Sorry.
I didn't think it'd be completely full

Looks like the sun's starting to set.

Punpun was completely at ease, having immersed himself in Takashi's soul for the last couple of days.

He couldn't care less about popular movies or trendy cafes, but that didn't stop his mouth from moving on its own to blurt out some other fashionable topic of conversation.





Me and my friends usually go to cheap places too when we go out drinking
Oh, it's fine. Modest shops like these are relaxing in their own down-to-earth way.
Hm?
So, what're you gonna drink?
¥400
The way you're so casual and unpretentious is very much like you.
But it's nice to see you're such a well-adjusted guy now.
Right, one draft beer coming.
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"I'll have a, uhh... Daft beer?"

And what's with this raging erection down my pants that's refusing to go away...?
...What is this I'm feeling? It's almost like I'm some actor delivering empty lines for a stupid tv show.

Whaaat seriously?
He rented that place just so he could find his long-lost crush? Aww, that's just so sad!
You should call him over next time. I can introduce him to one of my model friends if he'd like.

Just what is it that I even want to do...?

And who the hell are you supposed to be...?

Strange, isn't it?
This town looks so small from up here,
And yet the two of us never ran into each other until now. I wonder why...

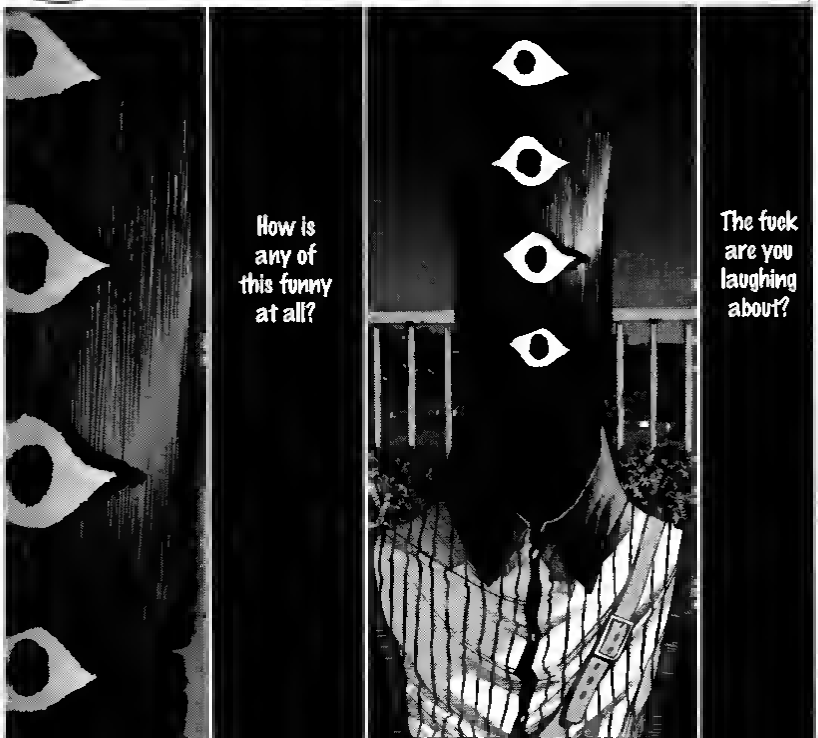
Mmm...
I wonder if I'm drunk...?
Or maybe not.
Then again, maybe I am a little...

Oh, umm.
I don't want you to get the wrong idea or anything but,
I really can't waste time like this a whole lot anymore
I mean, I've got a boyfriend and a job...

I was a pretty stupid girl back then...
So I was a little worried that maybe I unnecessarily caused you to go through some unpleasant things...
It's just I wanted to see you one more time.
To clear up any awkwardness between us.

"Yeah... I feel the same way."

"Same here. I was worried that you might've gone insane by now and be living some terrible life."
Though to be honest,
You were such a weak and shy little kid back then,
I actually worried if you had committed suicide or some other horrible thing.
Ahaha,
Was I really that crazy back then?


The fuck are you laughing about?
How is any of this funny at all?

Stop playing games with me, Tanaka Aiko...

"Can we just... Stay like this for a little longer?"
...Why?
"...I wonder why myself."

No...

We shouldn't be...
Doing this...

And my feet are..
Getting real tired...
Punpun...
You're starting to scare me a little.
Punpun...
Where're we walking to?

"Should we rest at a karaoke place then?"

"How about a manga cafe?"

"Then... Should we just get on the train together and..."

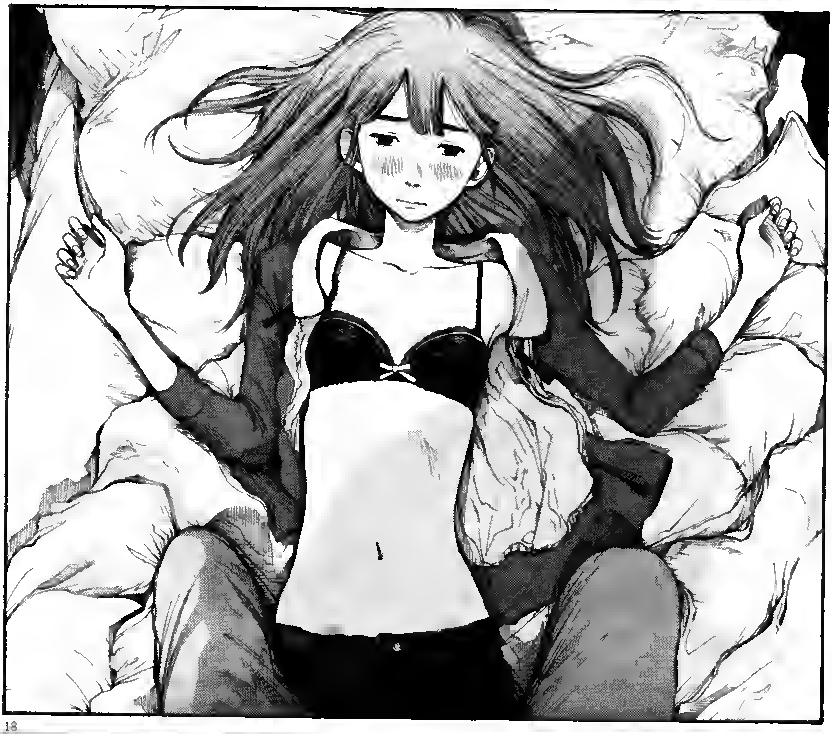
"Let's... Go to a hotel."

Aiko... I have no idea what your intentions are with me but...

I'm extremely saddened.

To think that after all this time, you've become just another slut that casually sleeps around with some guy you haven't even met since middle school...

I know I'm being unfairly self-entitled but...



I want to make your
life miserable.

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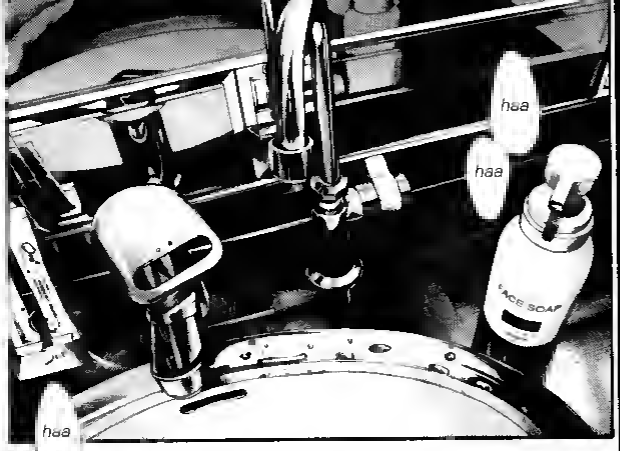

Aiko...

I won't forgive you for selfishly going off to a better world alone after leaving me behind cursed.

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No... The one who's selfish here is me but whatever. I don't care if you come to loathe me too.

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Do you...
Always do this sort of stuff with other girls...?

Hey...
Answer me...

No...
Punpun...
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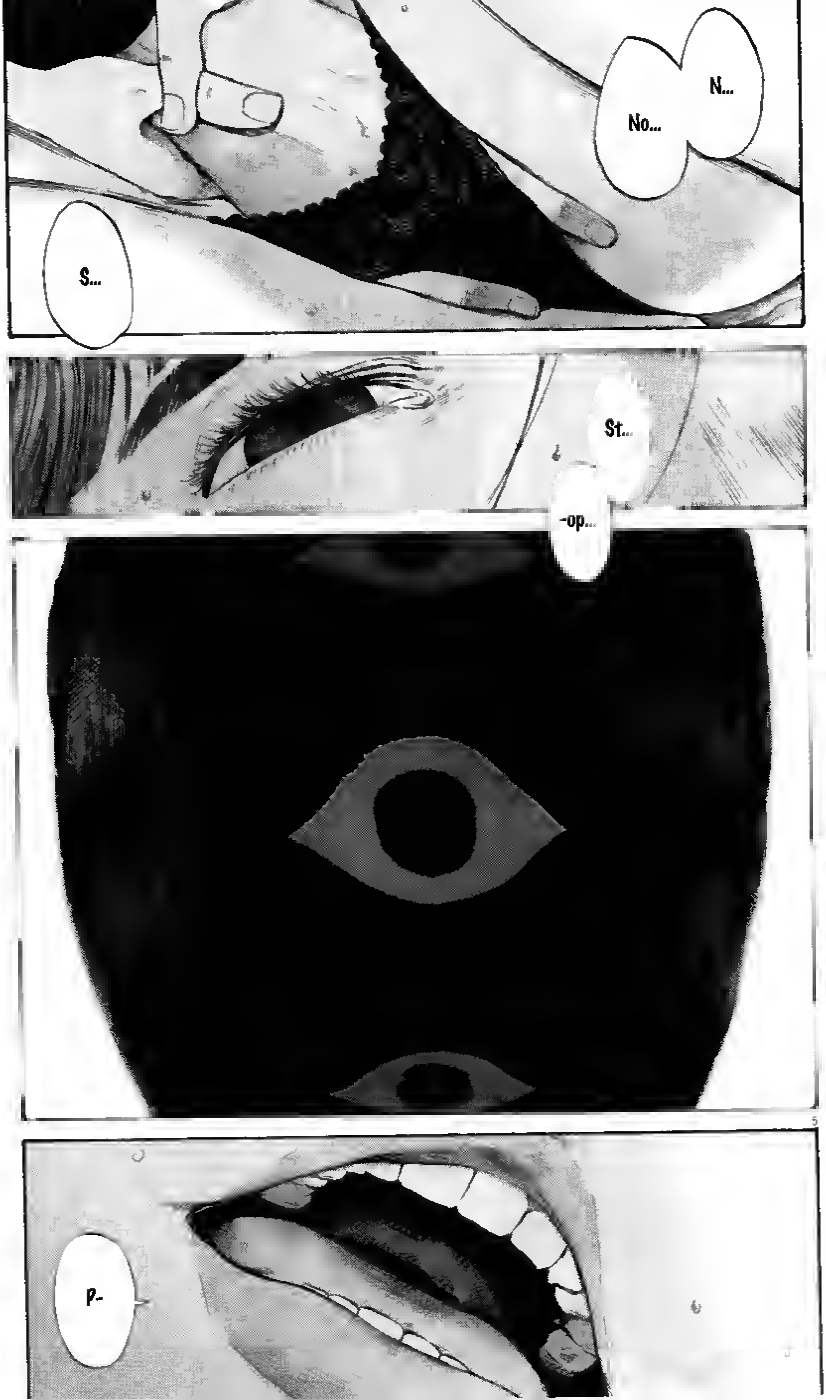
Want this...
Stop...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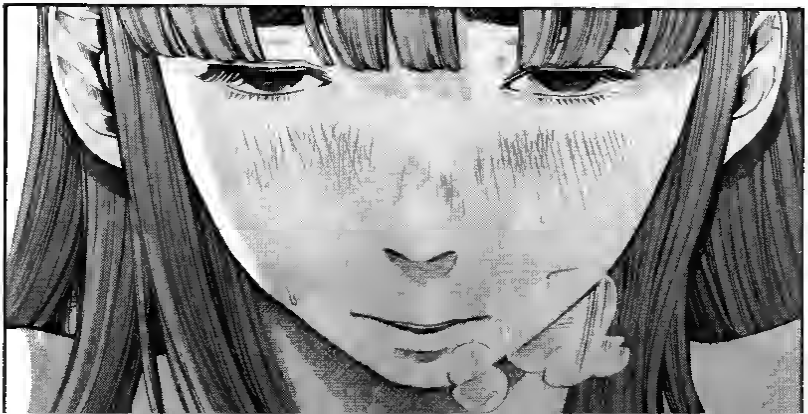
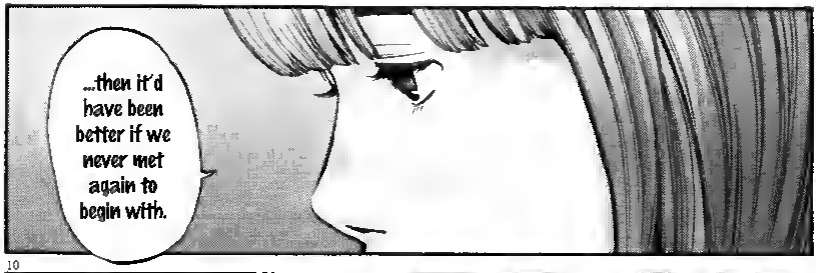
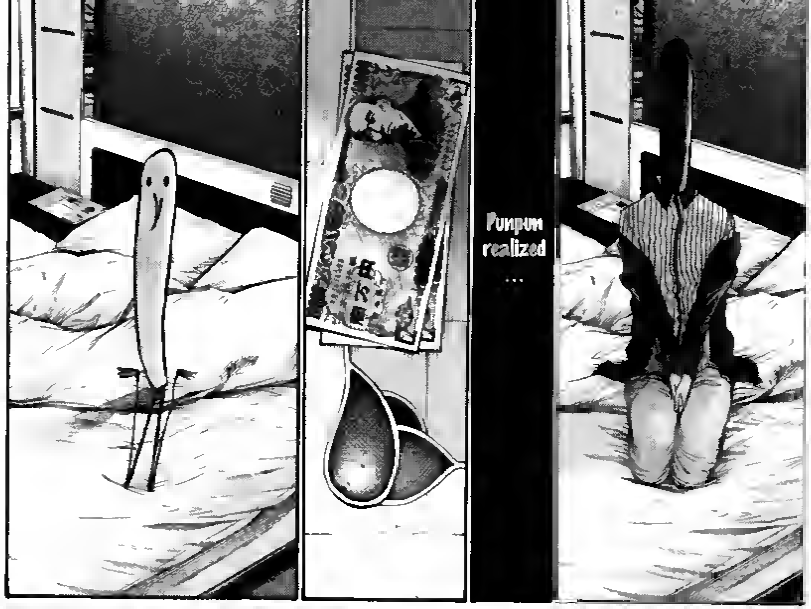


I'm done...
...I'm going home.

I feel like such an idiot...
Must be nice being you, enjoying such a good life.

If this is how things are...


...then it'd have been better if we never met again to begin with.


Punpun realized ...

He had been defeated ...by every-thing.

He was tired...
Of every-thing.

The nihilism expelled itself along the prostate gland's galactic railroad, through the urethra, accompanied by the blood-stained semen, and out into the gutters.

May's daybreak joined with the cool, biting winds, to foretell summer was almost here.

Punpun no longer needed to walk around.

Summer would still come even if he stayed completely still

Summer will be fun to look forward to....

What's the deal with Onodera?
Why can't he just be more normal?
I mean, I can understand a guy being shy.
But doesn't he realize he's just making me feel really awkward by turning me down all the time?
Stop. I feel sorry for the guy. I mean, at least he does his work properly.
Hey, you're the one who was complaining about him when we went out drinking.
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...Unfortunately, the same couldn't be said for the still hospitalized manager who originally recommended Punpun to get his driver's license.

Just endure it until you earn back the 300,000 yen you used for the driving classes.

Yes, Punpun is holding up just fine again today.

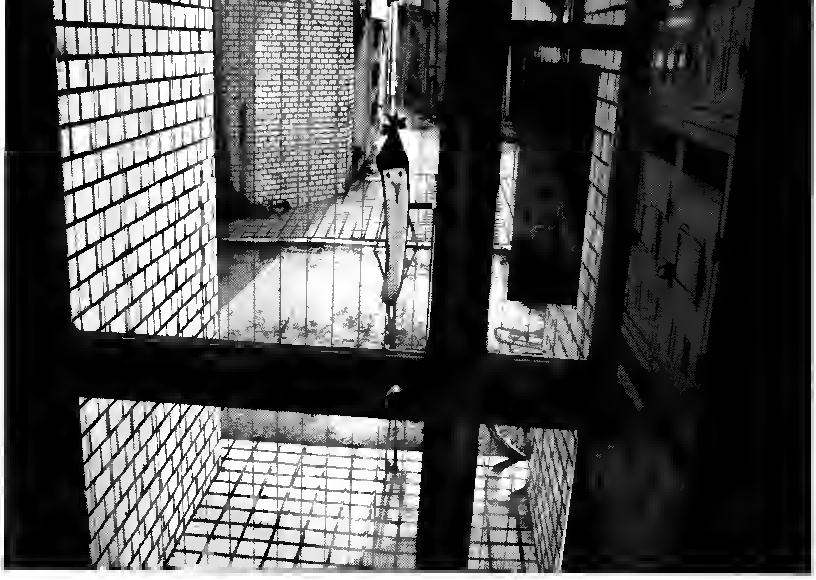
Fuck off, fuck off,
retard, dumbass,
diediedie-

Maybe once I get my license, I'll move to some other town
far, far away where nobody knows who I am.

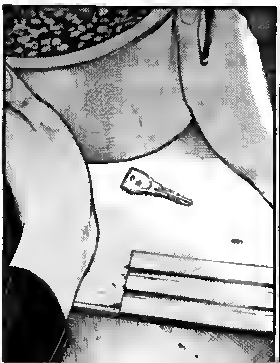
I'll take only the minimum amount of luggage and settle
down in a town with the loveliest scenery.

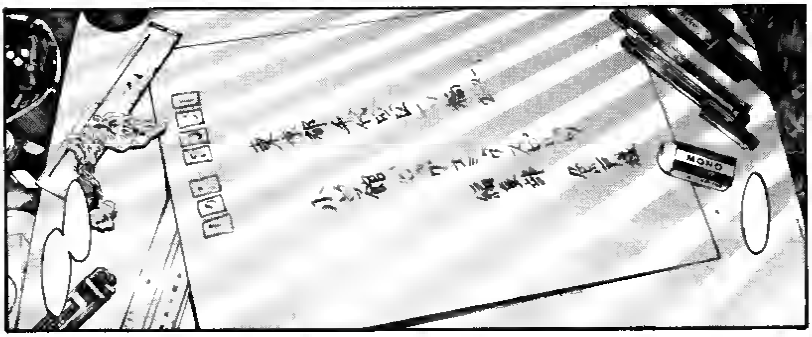
I won't needlessly rush myself or worry about the future once
I'm there. It'd be nice if I could one day find someone to love there.

Such were the thoughts running across Punpun's mind.



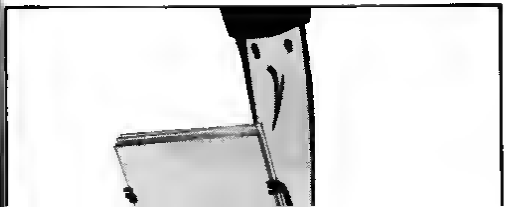
...After calming down, he realized he was standing in front of Sachi's house.



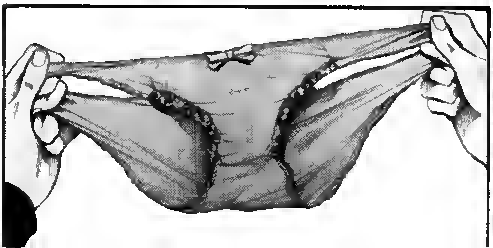


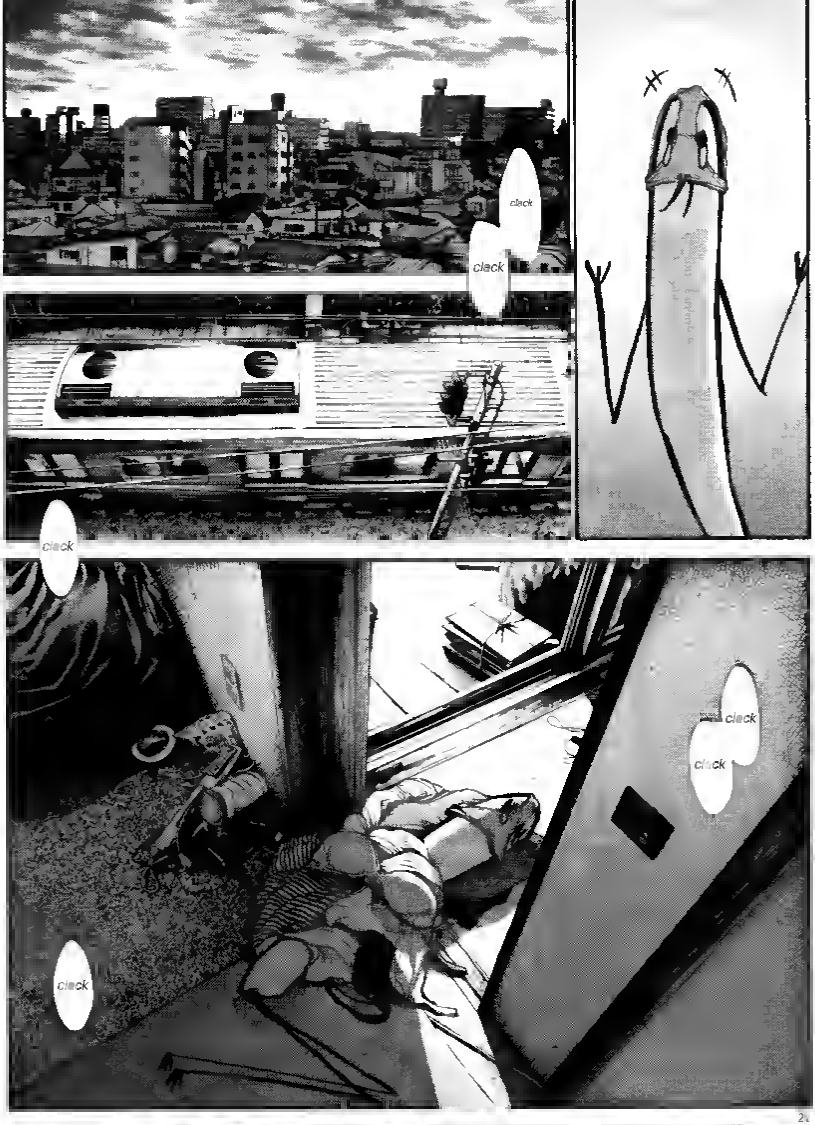
Even without his help, the story managed to adequately display Sachi's talents.

The finished manuscript lied casually on the table.



"This is good enough,"
Punpun thought.

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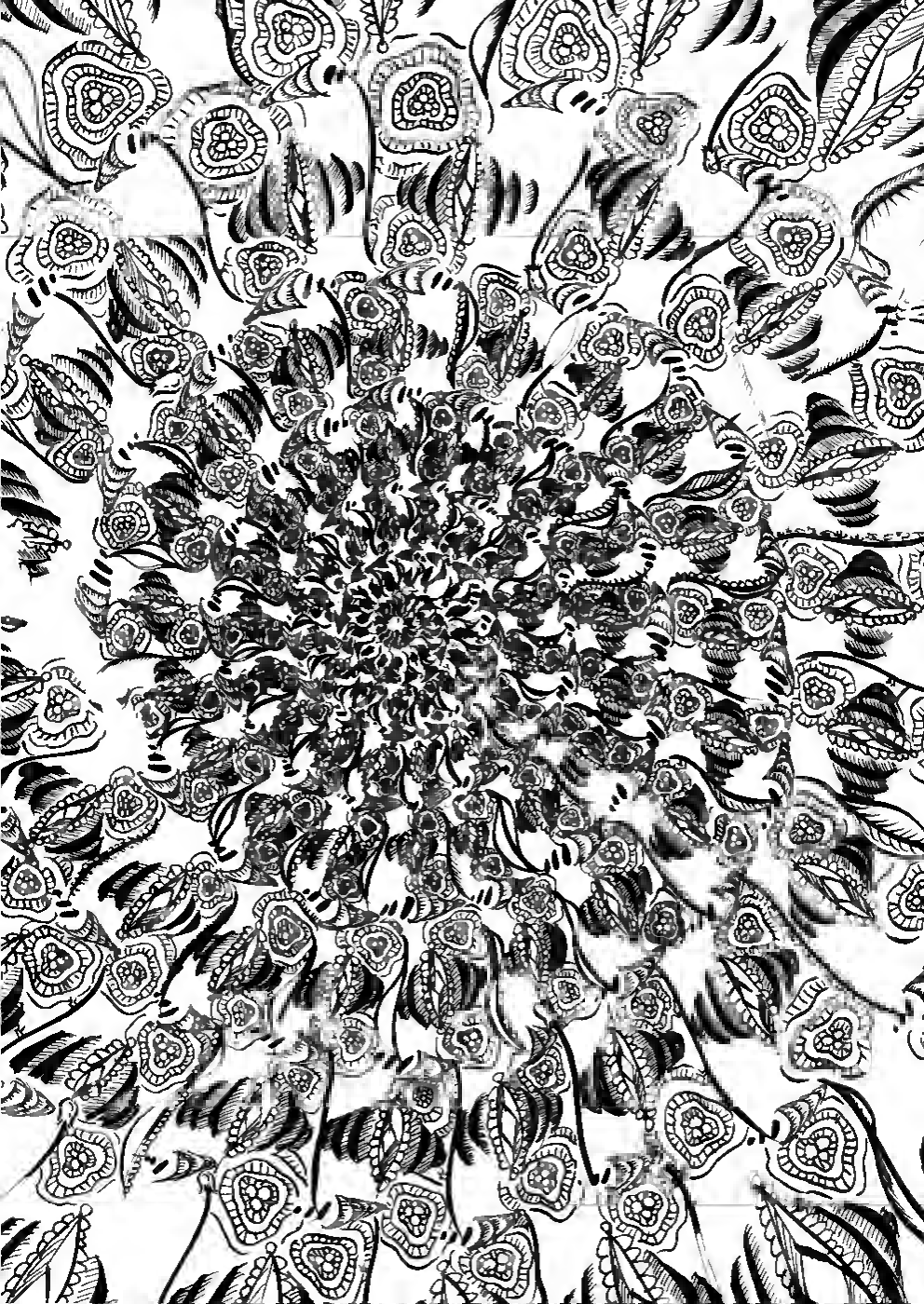
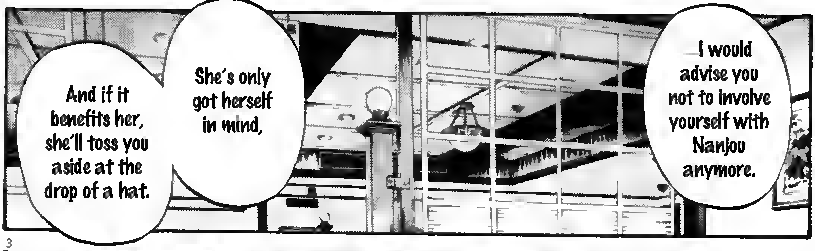


Sorry for calling you up on a weekday, Saotome.
You want some of the souvenir gifts I bought?
...Yeah, just for cosmetic purposes though since you know, it's bad for the skin.
No, I don't mind...
I have to admit, no one but you could just suddenly go off on a trip and thoroughly have fun regardless of the circumstances
Nah, I don't feel like carrying more stuff around.
Wait... Did you quit smoking?
Really now?
That's not like you at all. Just get yourself hyaluronan injections if you really need to fix your skin.

Well, anyways...
Is it alright for you to not be at work right now?
I've got a meeting at 1, but I'm free until then.

...Is working for that show even any fun?
Those stupid quiz shows with random celebrities seem pretty boring, if you ask me.
Yeah, yeah, but it'll be over soon.
And you don't have to force yourself to make small talk about my work.

In any case, there's no need to make things more awkward than it is already.
I might be your ex-husband, but I'm now just some other guy to you.
Still, I would like to say one thing to your friend if you don't mind.


I would advise you not to involve yourself with Nanjou anymore.
She's only got herself in mind,
And if it benefits her, she'll toss you aside at the drop of a hat.

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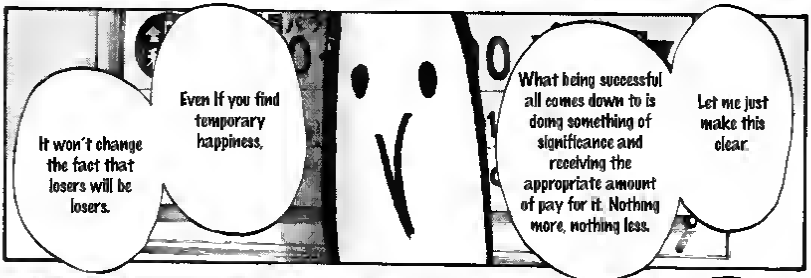
Once she decides on something, she'll keep at it until she succeeds.
She was always like that back in our university-days.
Just like the time when she suddenly dropped out of school, right after I finally managed to land a cushy job in the TV industry..
That was because you kept nagging at me to get a job back then...

With a girl as stubbornly strong-willed as you,
I figured if I wanted to make you go right, I should first tell you to go left.
I thought you might come to depend on me more once you had no source of income,
But to think you'd run right out and file for a divorce...
What do you mean by that?
Nothing. I'm just thinking out loud here.
If I guessed it was because you just need some job to do, am I right?
I bet I wouldn't be too far off,
In any case,
Onodera
I hear you want to get into real-estate but why is that, exactly?
What are you, 20 years old about now?
'Cause if that's the attitude you're living with, you're not gonna amount to much of anything even in your later years.

Don't tell me you actually think you've still got a lot of time or options waiting around.
If you do, then wake up, because it's too late for that.
Even if you tried your best starting today, you'll never bridge the gap between you and someone who's been trying his best since his teens.


Let me just make this clear.
What being successful all comes down to is doing something of significance and receiving the appropriate amount of pay for it. Nothing more, nothing less.
Even if you find temporary happiness,
It won't change the fact that losers will be losers.

Just what is happiness to you, Onodera?
Marriage?
Health?
Engaging in your hobbies?

If it's the small things in life that make you happy,
Then I'm sure you'll find happiness.
But know that that happiness of yours is merely a delusion granted by the kindness of our modern-day society.
Don't assume that society can grant you that favour forever, because it will come crashing down one day and you'll be tossed aside like any other dregs of society

So you see, you really don't have any right to complain when you're tossed aside or abandoned.
...Can you accept that?
As they say, you reap what you sow.
In fact, it'll actually be *because* of people like you that caused such a lenient society to collapse into itself.
That's right, I *can* only say this *because* I've succeeded.
You only say that because you're the select few who've made it.
So why can't I talk down to the losers who've failed to do this same?
I've put myself at risk ever since I was a kid, battling unfairness, fears and worries to get to where I am today
And the most you can probably manage is get angry at others.
Well, that's smart of you. I doubt you have any meaningful words to retort with.
Or is it that you don't want to talk?
Can't you talk?
What's with you anyways?

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HEY...!
Don't you think you're going too far!?

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I guess even you're just a woman in the end considering how much you're coddling him.
Is this kid even worth it though?
I always thought you were one of us and not one of *them*. Was I wrong...?

"...It's fine."

"The only thing I can really say in response..."

"Is that you and I are people who can never get along. That's all."

Still, him taking his anger out on you was inexcusable...
Umm...
I have two things to tell you, Punpun.
But I also hate him for that as well.
I partly admire him because of that aspect,
The first piece of news...
Is about the manuscript I finished by myself
Because another mangaka couldn't meet his deadline, it's been decided the magazine will publish my work in his place.
I've won a rookie award before,
So if the reception to this story is alright, they said I might even get a full-length serialization.

The second piece of news...

Is that...
I'm pregnant.

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...He did it raw?
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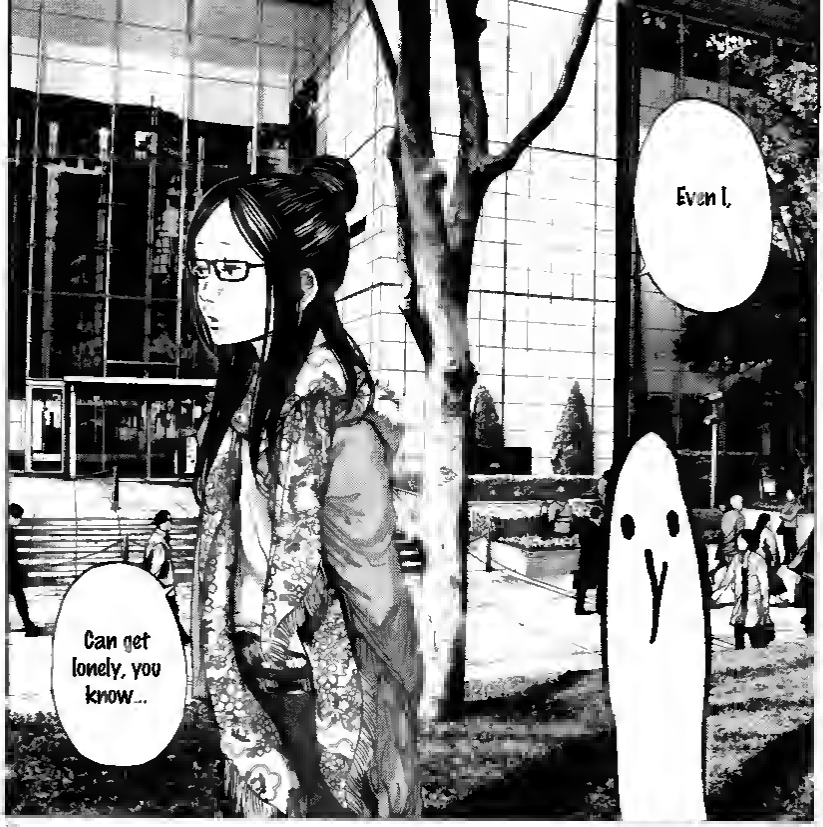
Yeah...
...sorry.
It's Saotome's.
Then again,
There's nothing really for me to apologize about.
I mean, you and I are...
We're just...


Even I,
Can get lonely, you know...

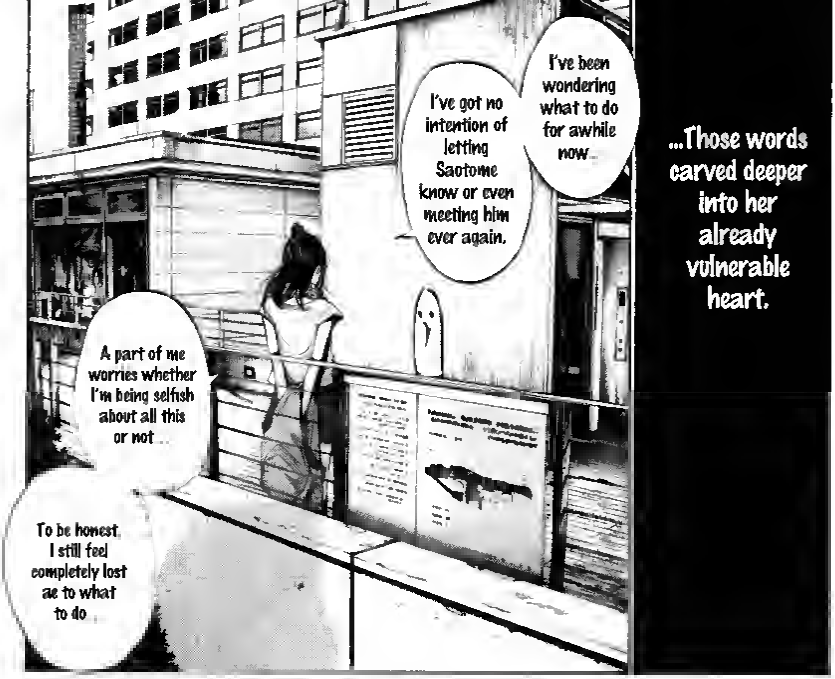
"Who's more important to you, your ex-husband or me?"
Hm?
"Sachi..."

"...You don't have to answer if you don't want to.
It's just a selfish request of mine."

You.
You're a lot more important

I know I'm being a little self-centered,
But I want you to continue being there for me.

I've become far too considerate of others all because of you...


I've been wondering what to do for awhile now...
I've got no intention of letting Saotome know or even meeting him ever again.
A part of me worries whether I'm being selfish about all this or not...
To be honest, I still feel completely lost as to what to do...
...Those words carved deeper into her already vulnerable heart.

All he could do was silently stand there and support her, he thought.

To that, Punpun quietly replied,

"...yes."

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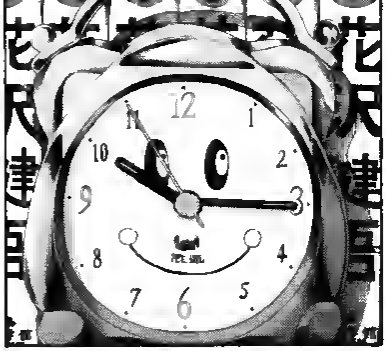
Those words his uncle once said now rang over and over again in Punpun's mind.

I wonder if I can make time for it next Wednesday...
...Yeah, I've decided on aborting.
Yeah, I got the form of consent after getting checked out by the doctor yesterday.

"Is whether or not you're prepared to take responsibility for it."
"The thing you should ask yourself."
Taka-shi,
You left this!
...I am prepared.



Once Sachi's surgery is done and I get my driver's license, I'll go live somewhere far away by myself.

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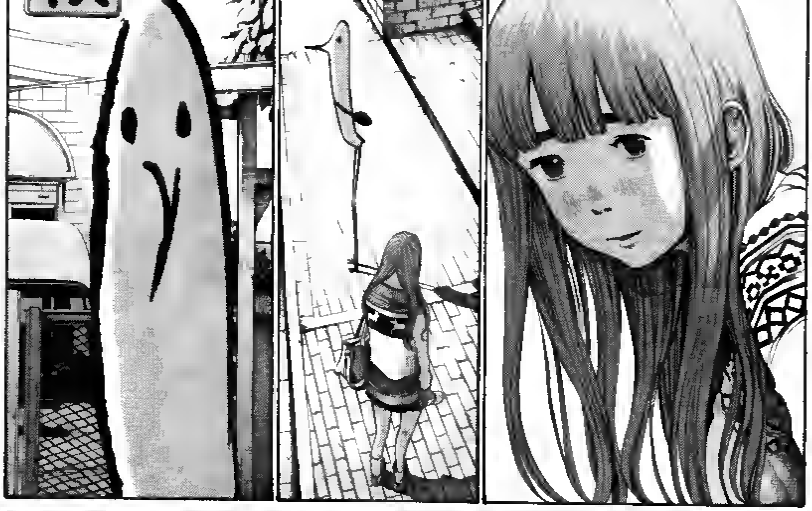
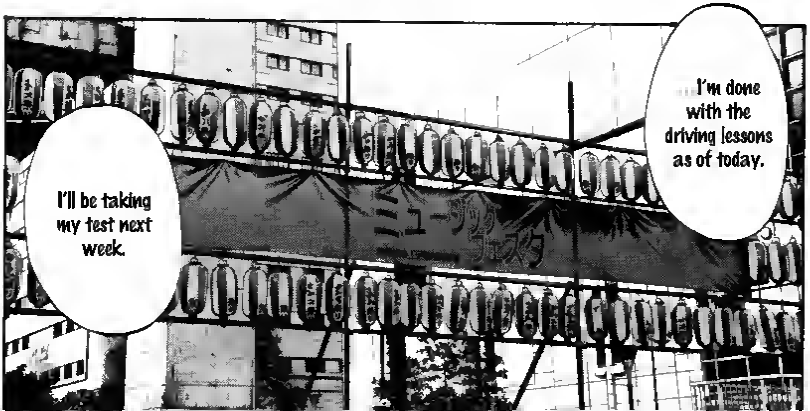
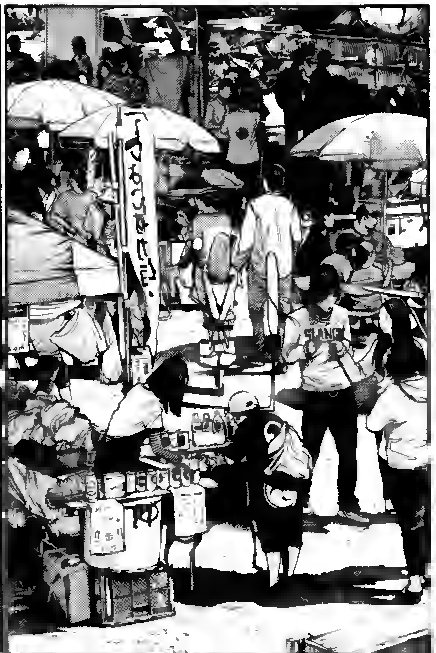
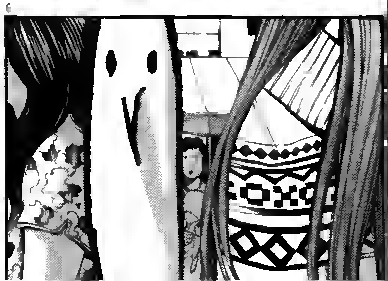


"Do you... have some spare time to talk?"



It sure is hot today...
And it's not even June yet...

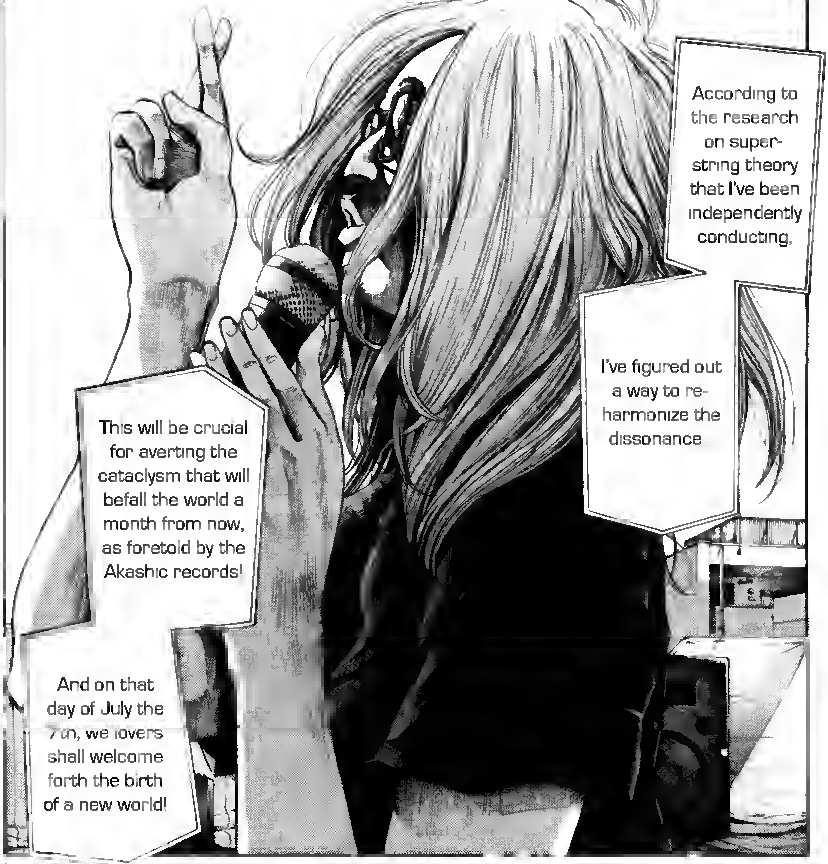




I don't like...
Crowded places.
"About last time...
I'm really sorry."

I don't like,
Greasy foods.

It's time for the Pegasus ensemble's planica performance!
Now then,


According to the research on super-string theory that I've been independently conducting,
I've figured out a way to re-harmonize the dissonance
This will be crucial for averting the cataclysm that will befall the world a month from now, as foretold by the Akashic records!
And on that day of July the 7th, we lovers shall welcome forth the birth of a new world!

I know you can do it!
You can turn this world more beautiful than it ever was!
I believe in your potential!

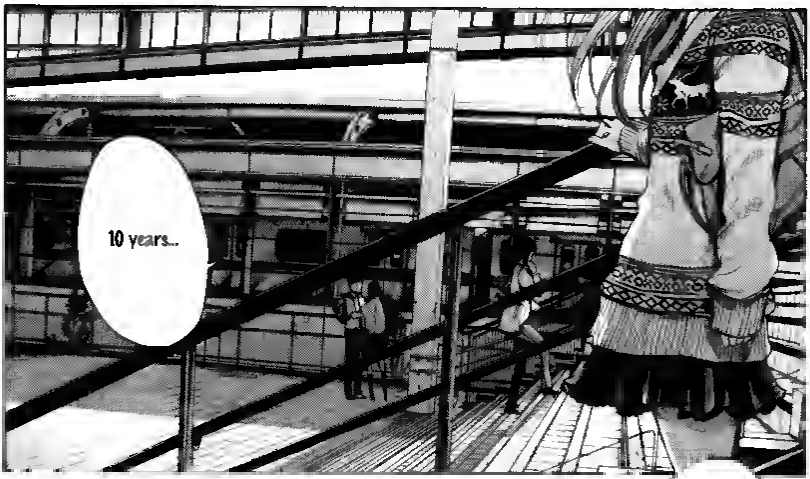
Umm...
Sorry to interrupt, but can you just start your performance already?

Now then, my 12 musical scale-disciples.
You've all been living for a chance like today.
So let us make beautiful harmony.
And send our good vibrations out into space...!

Ah...

This melody...
It's from "Tsubasa wo Kudasai."
Right . ?

We sang it in choir back in 5th grade..
My memory's pretty good, isn't it...
And there was a certain day when you skipped out on choir practice...
Of course, it's pointless even if I do recall this stuff now.


10 years...

Just what have I been doing,
For these past 10 years.

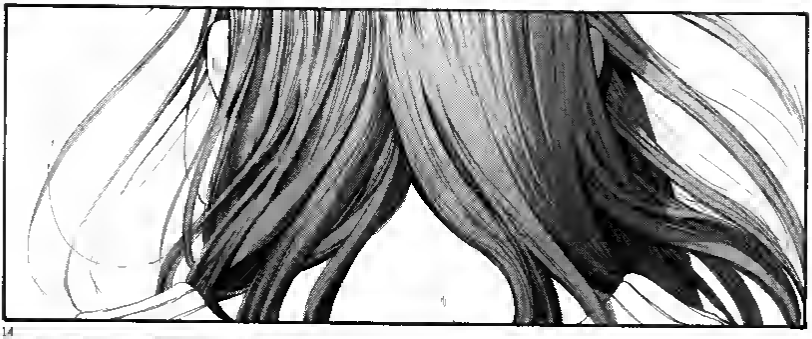
Sorry...
I...
I think
I better go.

"My..."

"My name's not actually Fujikawa.
It's Onodera..."

"I'm not actually in university, nor do I play indoor soccer, nor do I even have a girlfriend... I'm not really all that happy with my life, nor do I particularly hate it. I'm just a bum pointlessly living each day after day...

No actually, saying that would be offensive to real bums, who are still far less worthless than I am."



"For the last 10 years... I've been searching for you. Like an idiot, that's all I really did. But now that I have found you and realized you're not the Aiko I was looking for... I have mixed feelings of sadness, anger, and regret..."

"The guilt from breaking the promise to go to Kagoshima with you on that day still remains with me and has stripped me of all my self-confidence, leaving just an empty, worthless husk that you see right now."

"No... It might be more accurate to say that I only conveniently blamed you for everything that's gone wrong with my life so far..."

"...But my eyes have finally been opened now.
To see that you've grown into a well-adjusted
person unlike me is... Well..."

"...I'm glad I had the chance to meet you again."

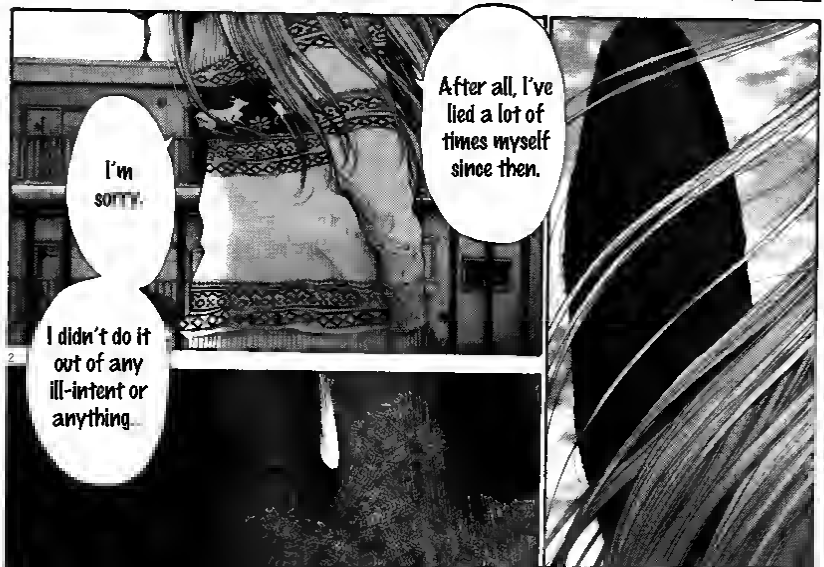
YOK
!!

"...Thank you."
Oh...
So that's how it was.
So that's how it was...

I thought,
You weren't the type to lie...
But it seems you lied to me again.
I'm disappointed...
You promised.
You promised me that if you ever betrayed me again,
Then I could kill you.

Punpun...
Don't tell me you've forgotten now...
You promised me.
And I said I'd kill you if you broke your promise.

But I'll make a special exception,
And forgive you this time.


After all, I've lied a lot of times myself since then.
I'm sorry.
I didn't do it out of any ill-intent or anything...

It'd be unfair if you were the only one enjoying life, you know?
It's just...
Ah-
I had a feeling that you'd probably tell some inane lie like that because you've always been so stupid.
But I knew...
Ah-
Hey,
Punpun...
Ah-

Thanks,
For waiting for me all this time...
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I've been...
Waiting for you too all this time.

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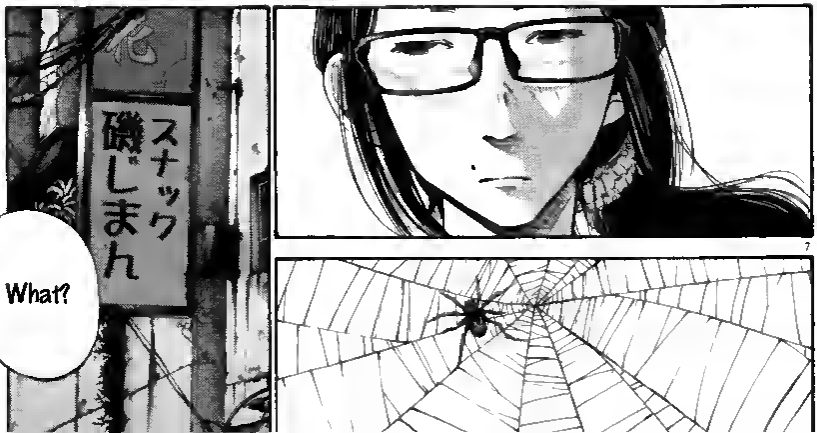
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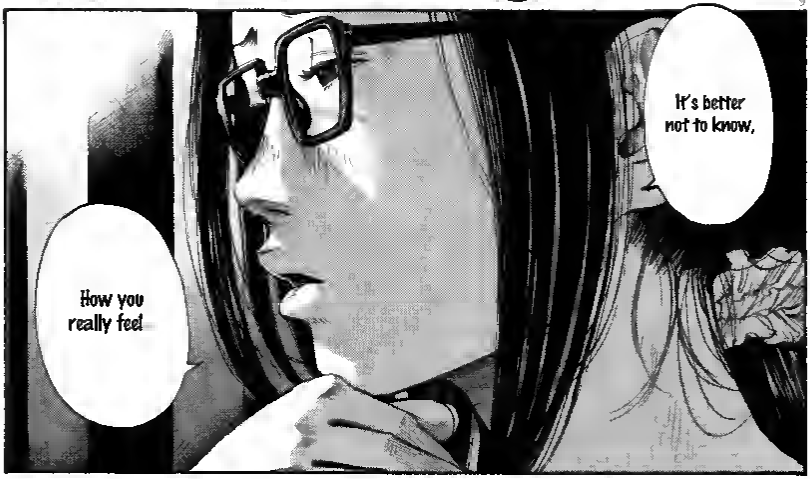
What?

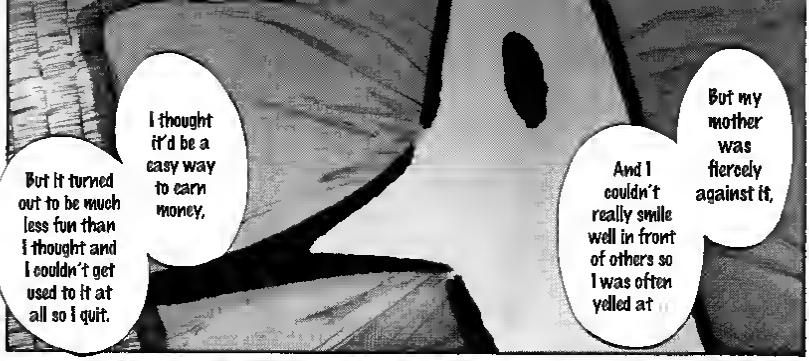
That's just really low
Seriously, now.
And it's Onodera of all people, too.
But involving someone unrelated to that whole mess is just low...
I mean, getting an abortion's your choice and all.
But that's precisely why you should try to be more concerned for how he feels.
Listen, I know you and Punpun have a rather complicated relationship.
In fact...
You're taking advantage of the fact that he can't directly say no to you.
No, that still doesn't change the fact that you're in the wrong this time.
...Hey, I've got my reasons for doing so.

You should calm down and think things through again.
The real reason why you asked him that question,
You might be smart, but you're also good at betraying your true feelings.
Was to see how he really feels about you, isn't that right?


It's better not to know,
How you really feel

Me being a model was a lie,
I haven't met with any friends of mine after graduating high school,
And I've only been buying clothes that I thought you might like.
And so was me having a boyfriend

...So you see,
Everything I told you,
Was a complete lie...
But one thing that's true,
Was that I really did go to a model agency long ago.
...I was scouted while in town one day and I did some work as an idol for a time.

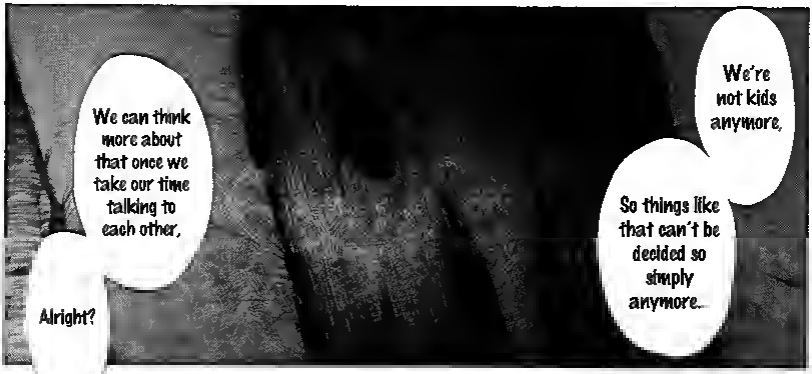

But my mother was fiercely against it,
And I couldn't really smile well in front of others so I was often yelled at
I thought it'd be a easy way to earn money,
But it turned out to be much less fun than I thought and I couldn't get used to it at all so I quit.

But you know,
When I met you again, I was somehow able to smile naturally again.
Before then, just trying to smile was the toughest thing for me.
Do you know why...?

You're not trying to touch me at all unlike last time.
Aren't you well-mannered...
I don't know why either,
But I'm sure there's some reason behind it...

"Umm... Why did you agree to come to my place so easily...?"

"I... don't really have any intention of going out with anybody right now..."


We're not kids anymore,
So things like that can't be decided so simply anymore...
We can think more about that once we take our time talking to each other,
Alright?

Punpun wanted to say something –

Anything at all...

But he could not find any words to say.
I...
Or my mom will get angry at me again...
I have to go home now.
It was hard enough trying to explain why I was out so late last
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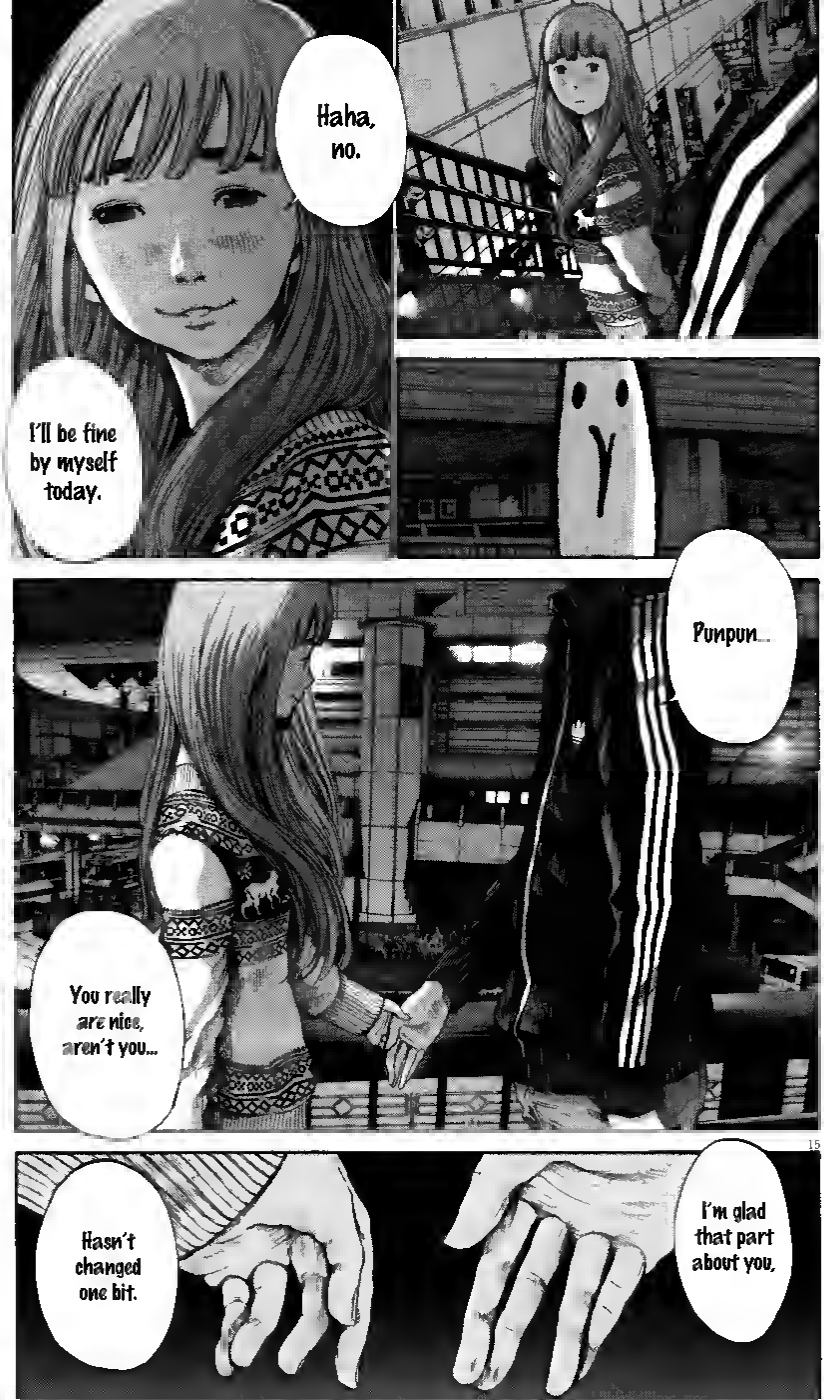
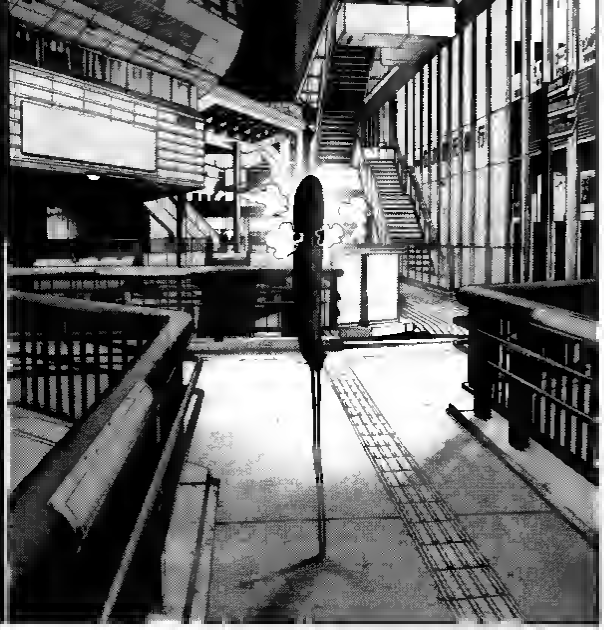
"Should I go and apologize to your mother...?

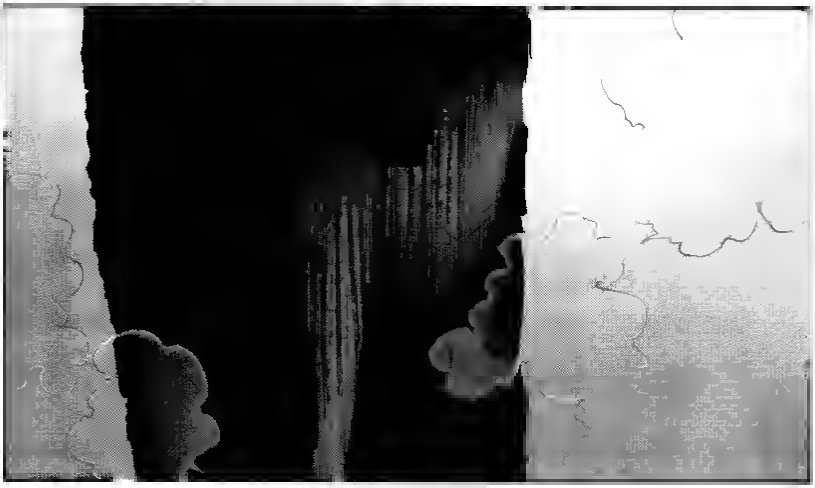

Haha, no.
I'll be fine by myself today.
Punpun...
You really are nice, aren't you...
Hasn't changed one bit.
I'm glad that part about you,

Punpun...
Is your heart racing?

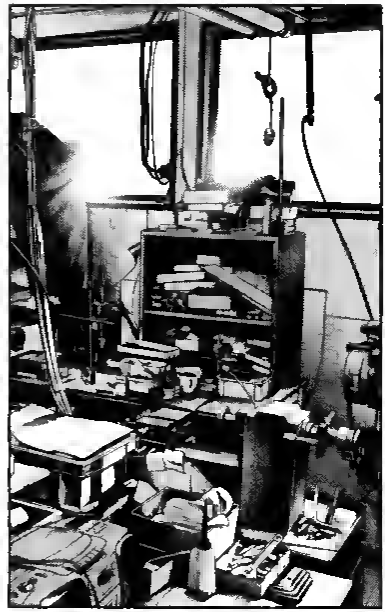
Punpun realized at that moment...
Because,
See you soon,
Punpun...
My heart is...

That the spell Aiko cast on him wasn't something that he could free himself from easily.



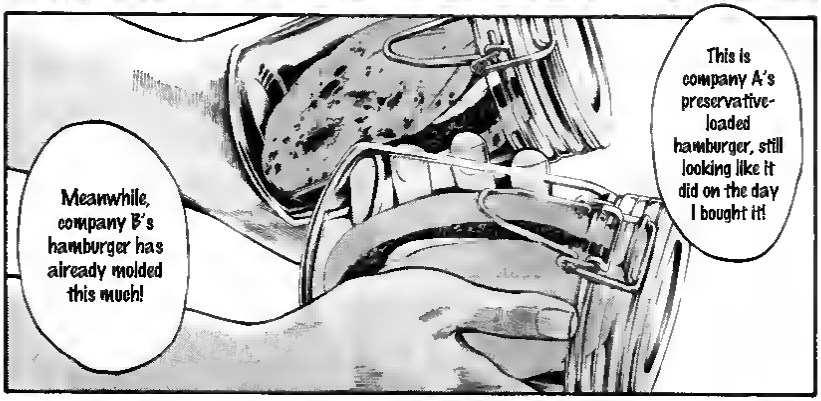


...Why is everyone so self-centered in their actions?



Chapter 108

Aiko!
Aiko! C'mere for a second!
Take a look at this!

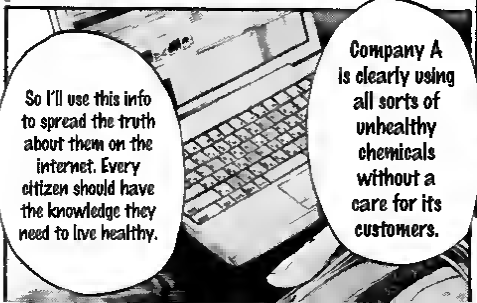

This is company A's preservative-loaded hamburger, still looking like it did on the day I bought it!
Meanwhile, company B's hamburger has already molded this much!

Oh...
What about it?
Mom?

Huh?

Sorry I'm so stupid

Do I have to explain every last thing to you?


Company A is clearly using all sorts of unhealthy chemicals without a care for its customers.
So I'll use this info to spread the truth about them on the internet. Every citizen should have the knowledge they need to live healthy.

You're always going on about stuff like this, mom..
No, never mind.
It's nothing..
I'll be going to work now.
What was that?
...You sure it's not all just pointless?

This kid's been leeching off his parents ever since dropping out of university.
But since he's had a change of heart, he's going to try his best by working hard here. So let's make him feel welcome, alright?

I'll do my best!
N-nice to meet you all..
If you got any other questions, go talk to the chief.

Huh?
A newcomer?

Uhh...
I was told I'd be working together with you, Tanaka
So uhh... Which high school did you go to...?

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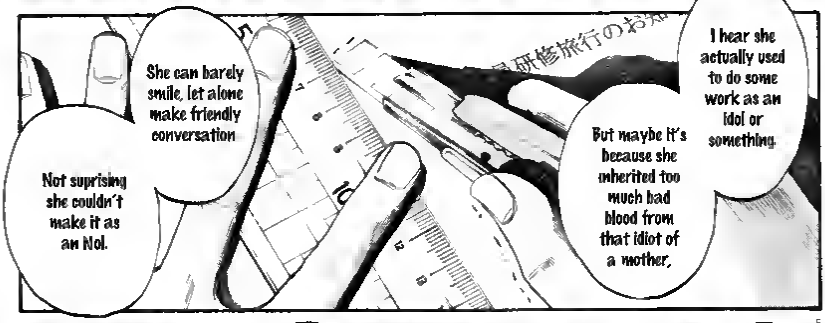
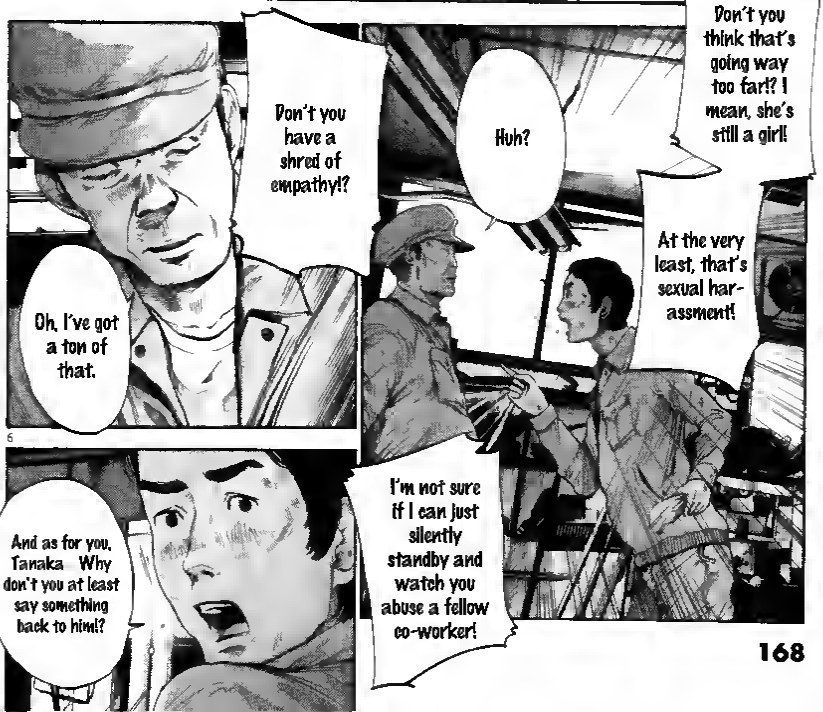
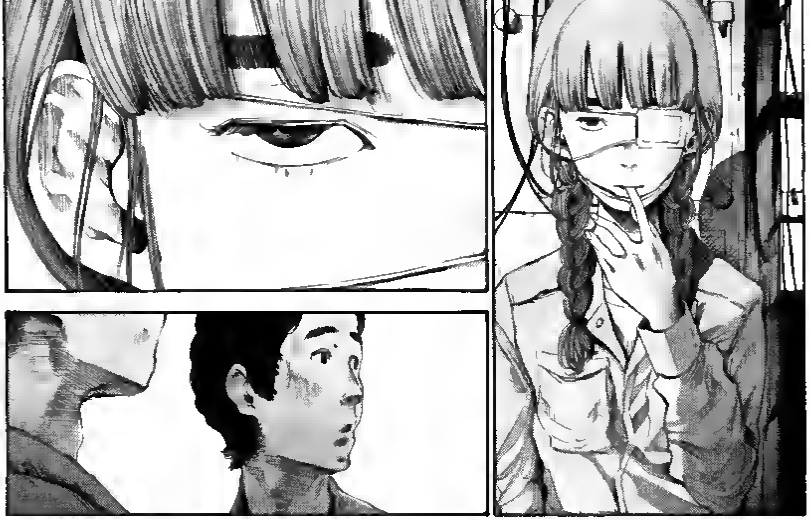
Forget about it, kid.
She won't even bother responding.
If I remember correctly, she's the daughter of our company manager's younger-sister-in-law
Her mother's always begging the manager for money and ever since her hip went out, she hasn't been able to work.
So she brought her daughter here all of a sudden one day.
And forced her to work here everyday just for what's barely minimum wage. They're both idiots, I tell ya, the mom and daughter.

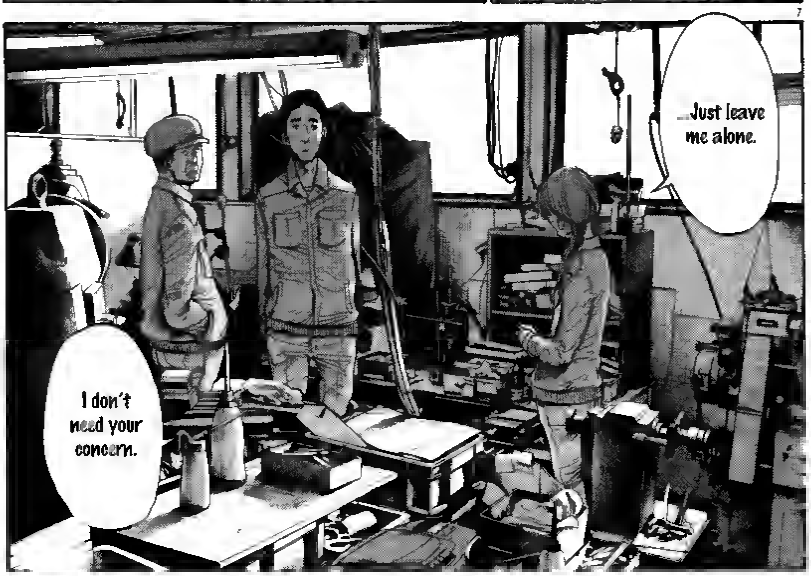

I hear she actually used to do some work as an idol or something.
But maybe it's because she inherited too much bad blood from that idiot of a mother.
She can barely smile, let alone make friendly conversation
Not suprising she couldn't make it as an Idol.

Hey, you.
How many dicks have you sucked so far?
Uhh Aren't you talking a little too loud ? She might hear you ..
So? Ain't like she's ever gonna respond.

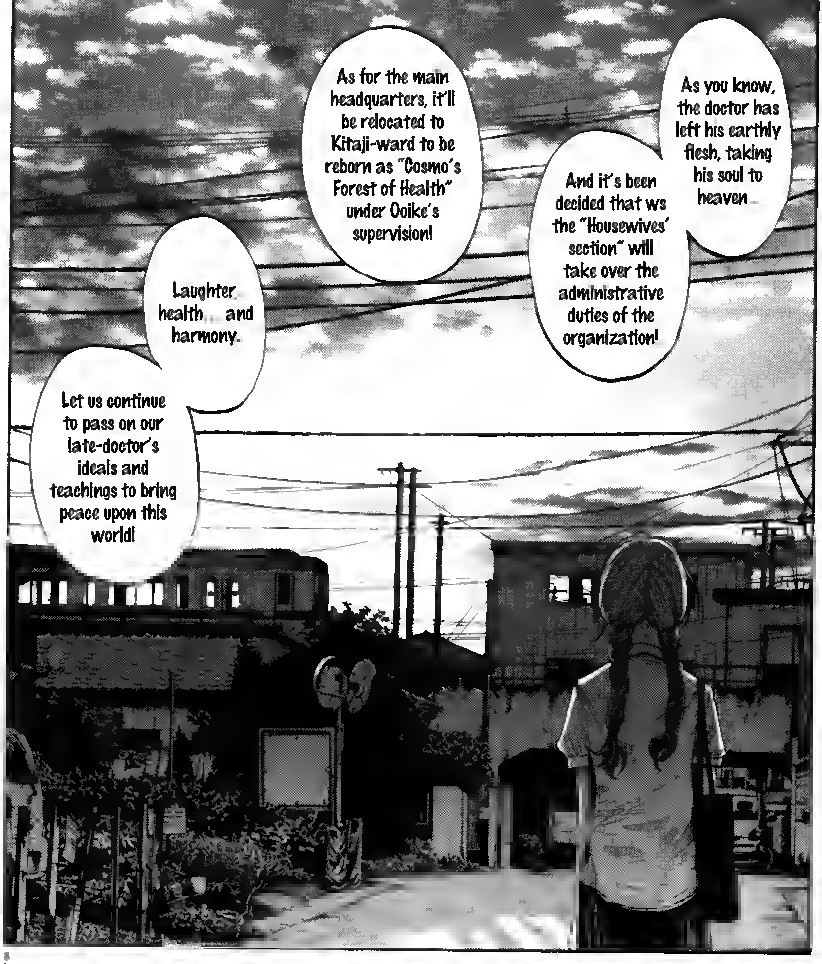
W-
Wha!?
Wait just a second...!


Don't you think that's going way too far!? I mean, she's still a girl!
Huh?
Don't you have a shred of empathy!?
At the very least, that's sexual harassment!
Oh, I've got a ton of that.
I'm not sure if I can just silently standby and watch you abuse a fellow co-worker!
And as for you, Tanaka... Why don't you at least say something back to him!?




...Just leave me alone.
I don't need your concern.

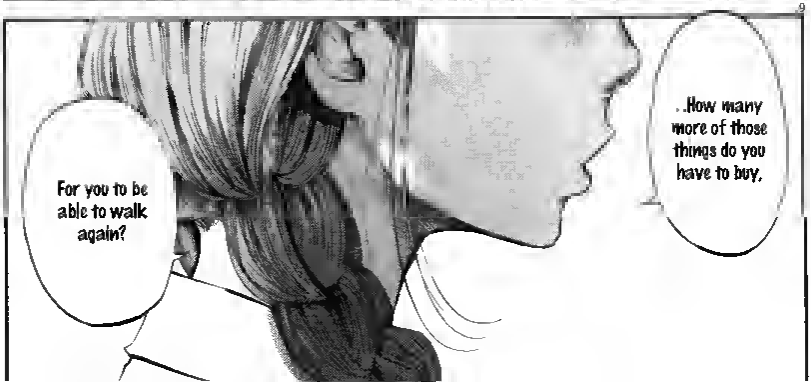
Good news, Mrs. Tanaka!


As you know, the doctor has left his earthly flesh, taking his soul to heaven...
As for the main headquarters, it'll be relocated to Kitaji-ward to be reborn as "Cosmo's Forest of Health" under Ooike's supervision!
And it's been decided that ws the "Housewives' section" will take over the administrative duties of the organization!
Laughter, health... and harmony.
Let us continue to pass on our late-doctor's ideals and teachings to bring peace upon this world!

Ah!
Aiko, you came just at the right time!
Come look!

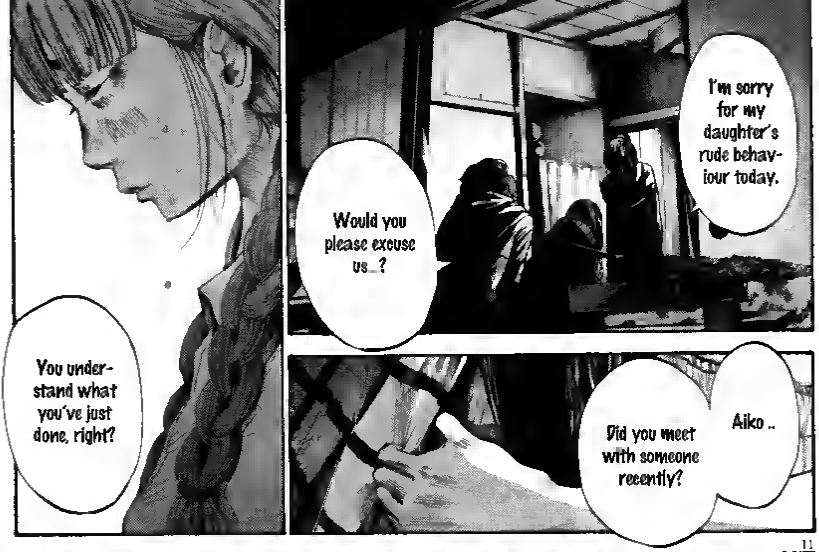
I've got a lot of things to send to the others!
Oh, by the by, could you ask your manager for an advance pay?
It's the doctor's bronze statue!
It was practically a steal considering how cheap it was!
Nice to see you, dear.
Are you keeping in good health?

Mom...
Can I ask you one thing?


..How many more of those things do you have to buy,
For you to be able to walk again?

Up until now,
I've tried my best not to be bothered by it too much but...
I really don't think I can continue,
This same shitty life any longer...

I can't deal with this anymore
I want to live a better life...!
Just what have your inane acts ever done for us?


You understand what you've just done, right?
Would you please excuse us...?
I'm sorry for my daughter's rude behaviour today.
Aiko..
Did you meet with someone recently?

Come closer then.
NOW.

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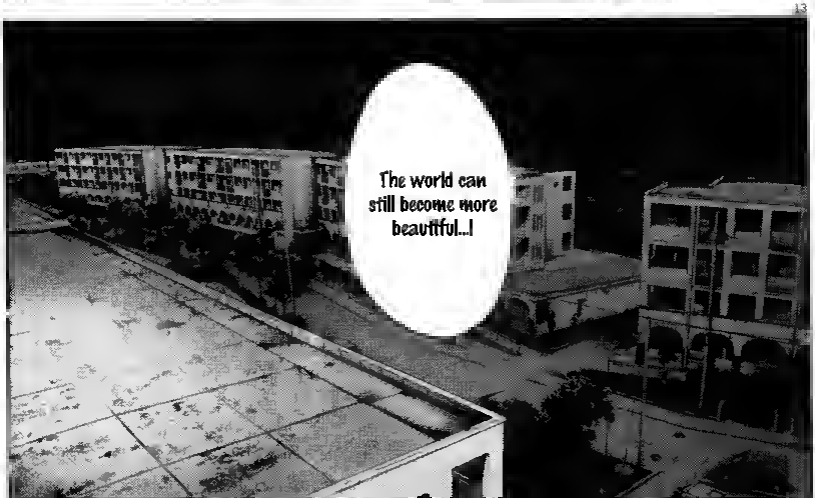
1……?
3……
Have you woken up, baby...?
Gotta be good vibrations!
Had a dream...
I...
That was the most splendid sleep-talking...
You've been sleeping non-stop for almost 5 days.
I... saw the future again...

On July the 7th...
The world will still come to an end...
Even though our ensemble performed perfectly...!
Ah, by the way...
I've finally found the moped you told me to search for...

*The universe is crying



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Going shopping...
Watching movies..
Drinking tea...
A normal life..
It's fine being normal.

Uuu...
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Uu...

Rrrrrrng!
Rrrrrrng-

Ah-
Oh good, I managed to catch you before you left your home.
...Yeah, I'm almost already at the promised meeting place.
I took a break from work this morning. Hasn't helped to calm me down though...
I know this is sudden and all but...
Sorry
You're too nice for your own good
But you've got a perfectly good reason to be angry this time.
You don't have to come.
I think I can manage alone somehow.
"Umm..."

"Even now, you and I can both tell from the tone of our conversation that I don't exactly have the option of not going, am I wrong...?"
I've been taking advantage of that kindness of yours too much.
I think...
"Telling me to come, then telling me not to come... You're quite self-centered, aren't you..."

No...
I really mean it. You don't have to come...
So please don't get angry at me right now.
I'll admit that I was the one screwed up It's all my fault.

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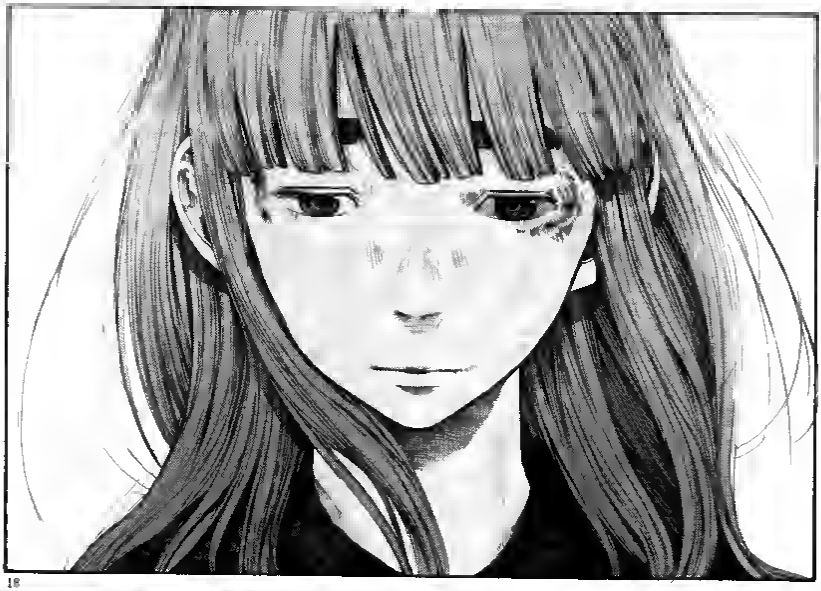
knock

"I'm not mad, nor do I care about whose fault it is.

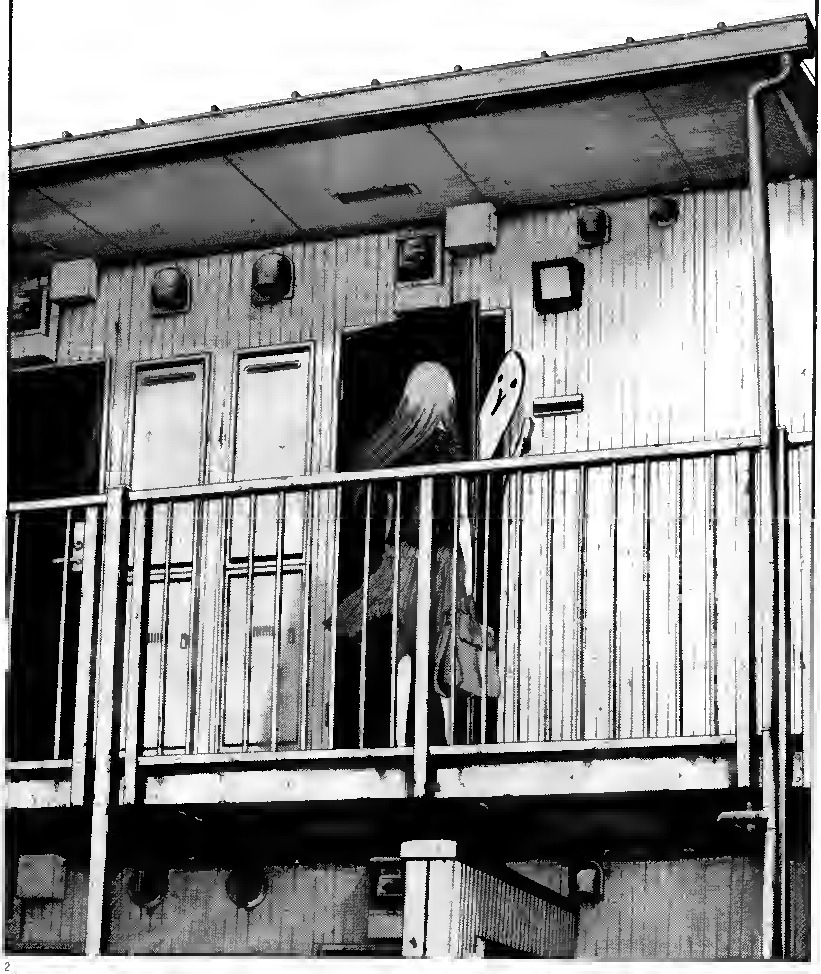
All I want..."

"Is to know what exactly you want.

That's all I'd like to ask...i"



Are you there?
Punpun...
Sorry.
I don't even know myself what I want much less know what to do.
But...
I'll leave the decision to you.
For the time being,
I'll wait at the parking lot in front of the station until 3, like I originally planned...
Once this day passes...?
I wonder if we'll be able get along together normally.



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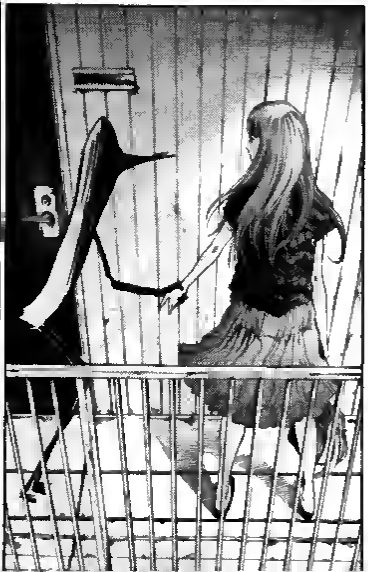
"There's no way it's *nothing*..."

"What's wrong with you?"

"You can't just leave me hanging like this and go home...

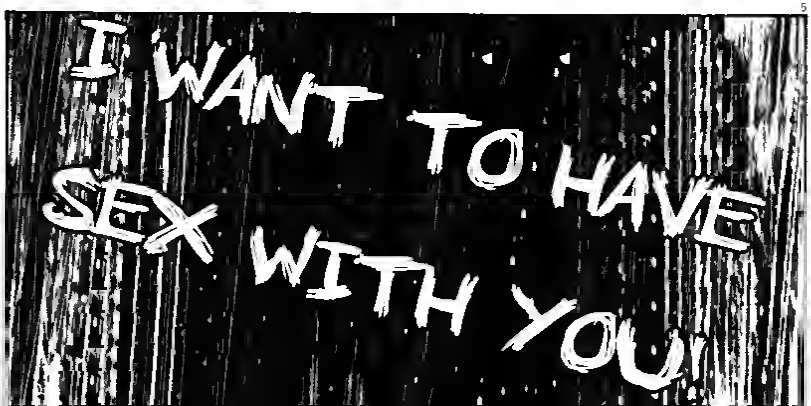
I won't even be able to eat after you leave me feeling so worried..."

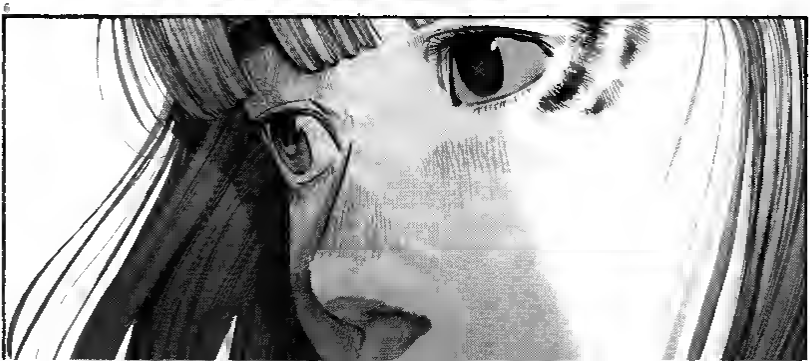


"If you've got something to say, then please just spit it out already..."

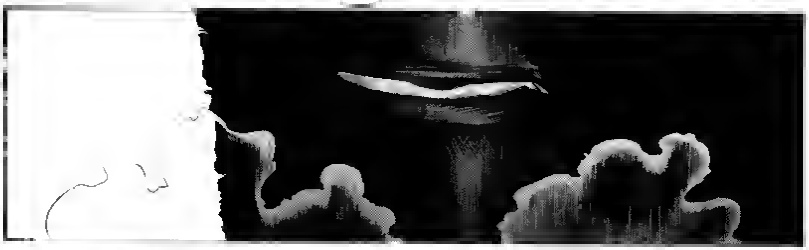
"...Just tell me what you're really thinking."

You too.


I WANT TO HAVE SEX WITH YOU.

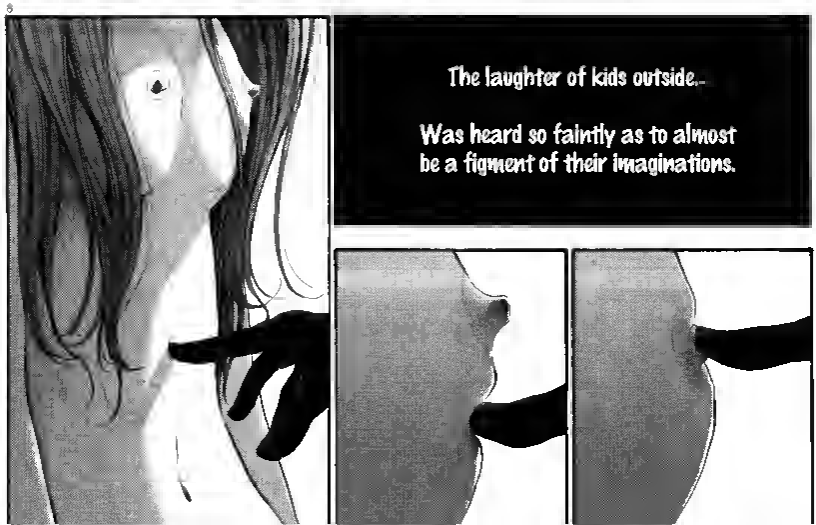


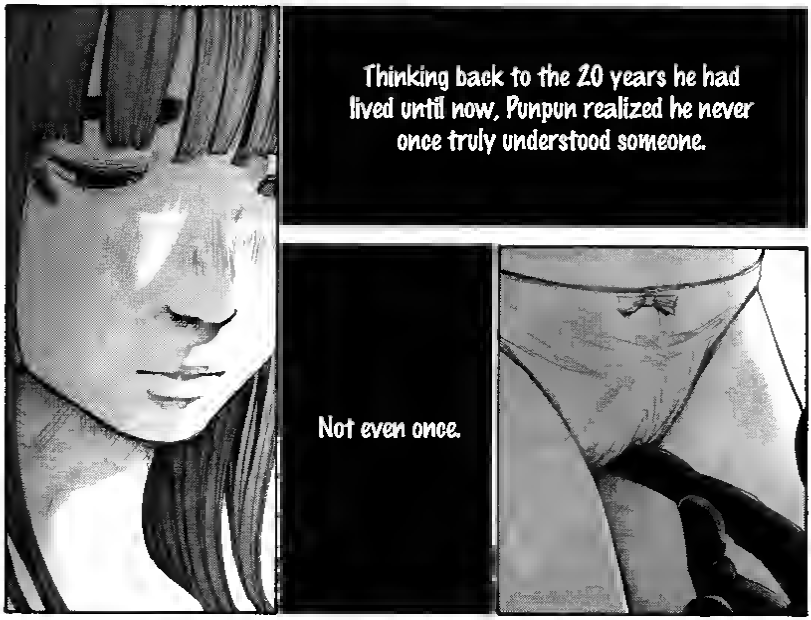
...I wanted to see you.
That's it.
Or is that not a good enough reason...?
Couldn't you figure that out without having me directly say it?



The silence of the 6 tatami-mat room,

Was soon filled with heavy panting and almost painfully throbbing heartbeats.


The laughter of kids outside...
Was heard so faintly as to almost be a figment of their imaginations.


Thinking back to the 20 years he had lived until now, Punpun realized he never once truly understood someone.
Not even once.

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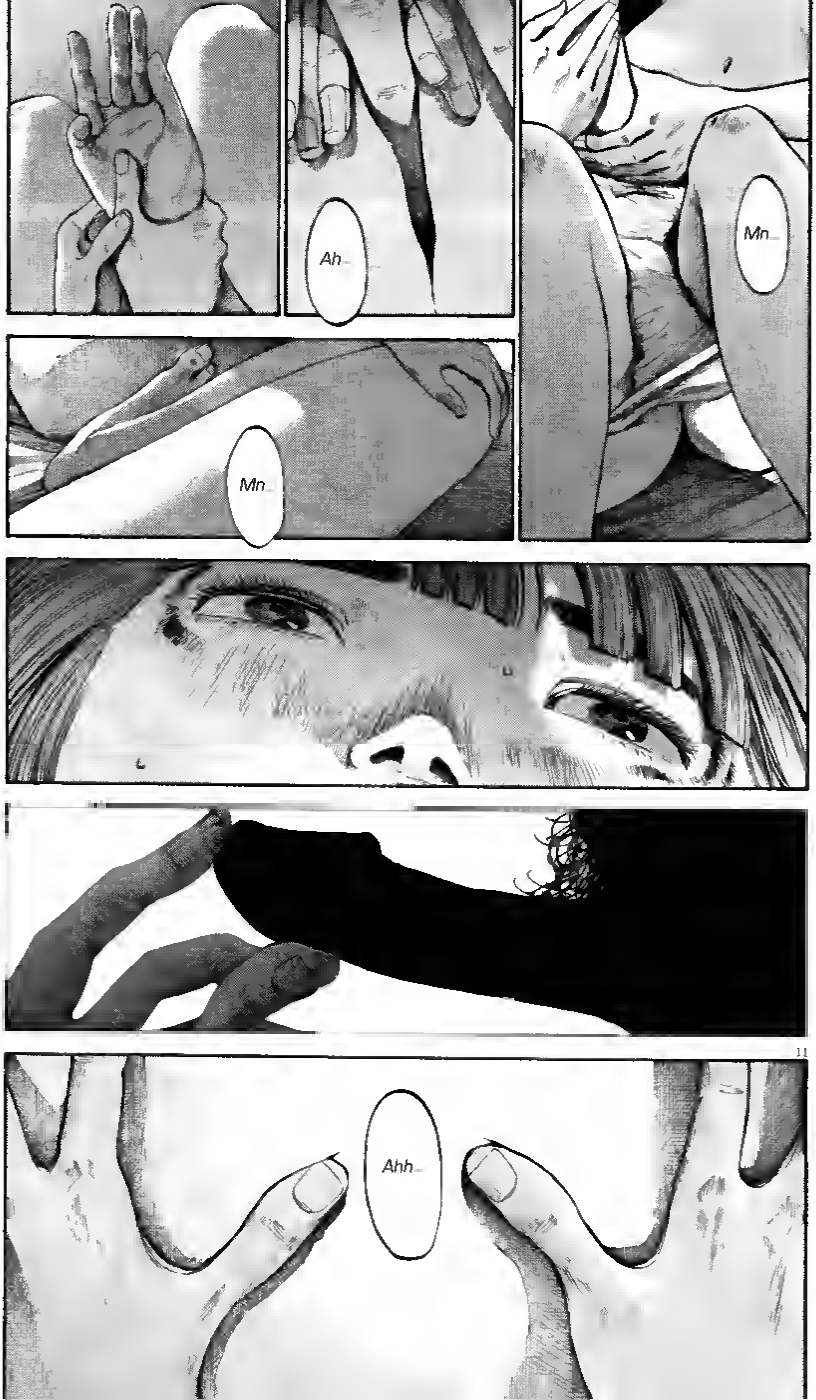
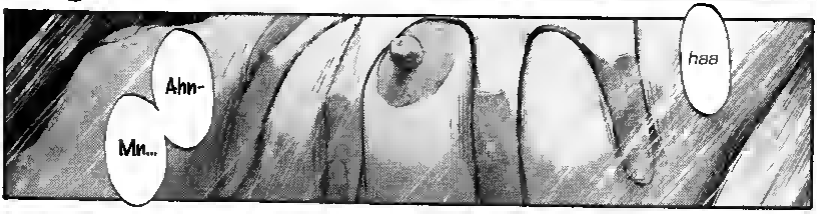

Ah...
Mn...
Mn...
Ahh...

With his left hand, he pressed her thigh down while with his right hand, he grasped his throbbing member to slowly enter her..

Mn...

The intense warmth of her insides blew away any power or even the very notion of restraint.

Ah-



Punpun let himself sink deeper and deeper into the abyss of pleasure.

The pain and pleasure from every thrust reminded her that even she was just a girl in the end.

Ahh-
haa
Ngh-
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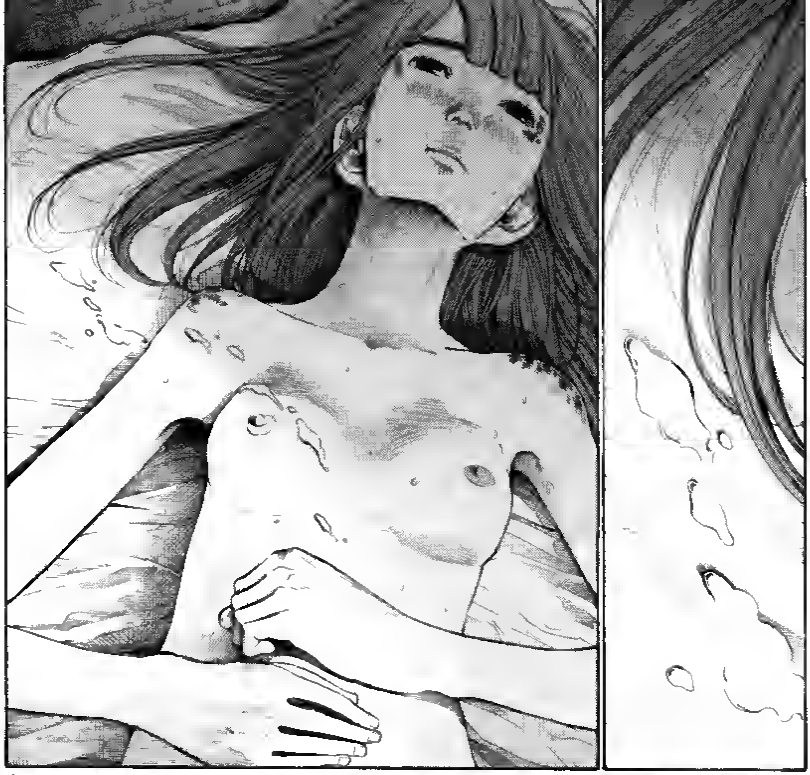
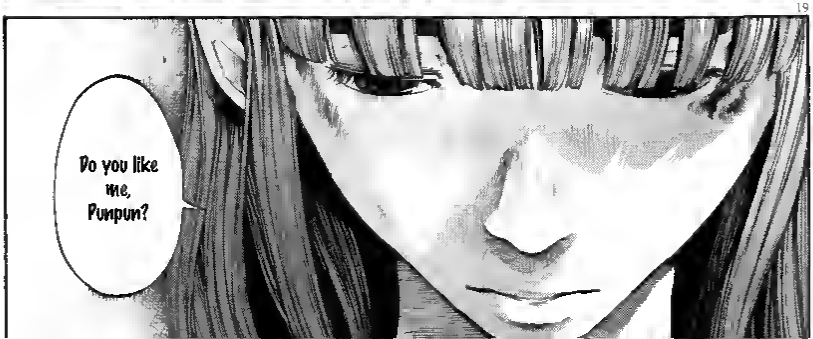
C...
If the two were to die as they were right now, while intertwined as one...
Come, inside me...

Asano Inio

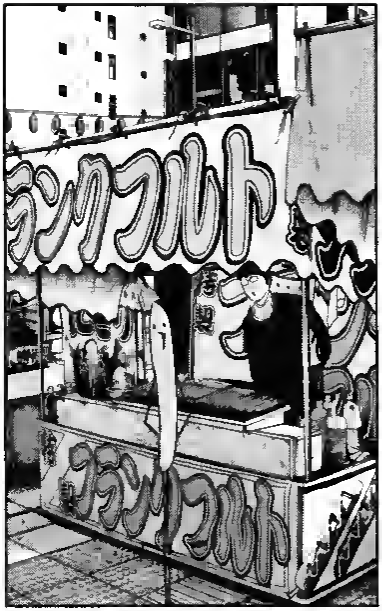


...Coward.

What to do now...


Do you like me, Punpun?

...If there were a place lower than here,
it would surely be hell.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Oh,
You came sooner than I expected, Yuuichi.
Finished with your stroll already?
I'm back, Midori.
Yeah, it's starting to rain.
So my old wounds were starting to ache...
Oh, I see.
Which old wound are you talking about?
Today...
It's too similar to *that day*...!

I want to run away from home...
Punpun,
I...

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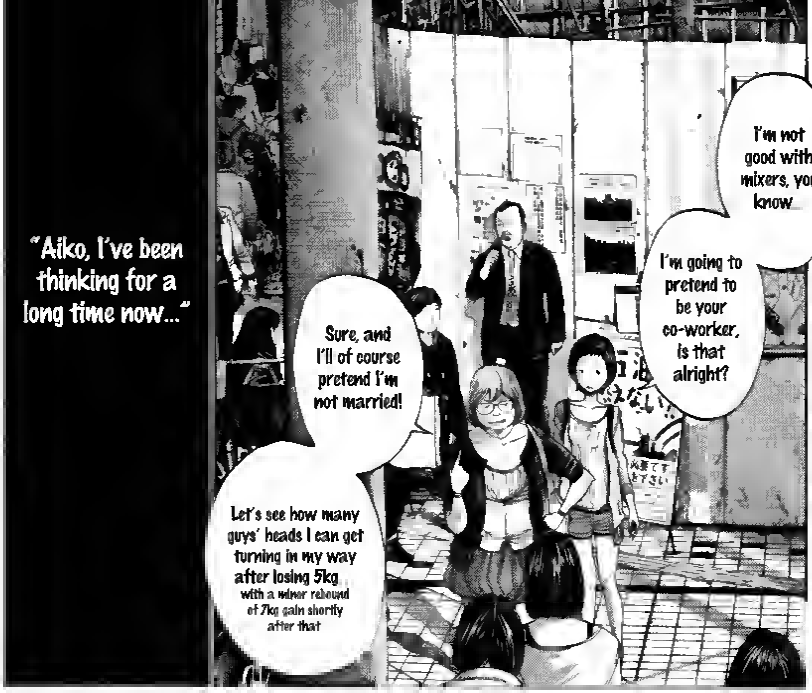
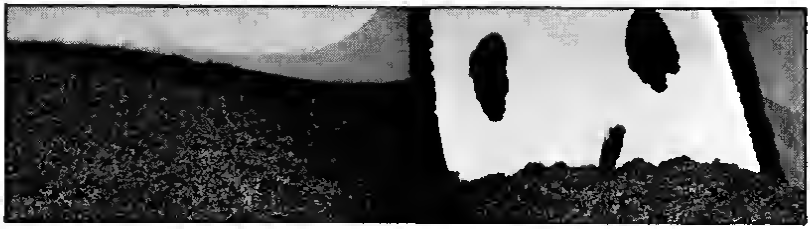
I was fine with it as long as it would calm her down.
Even if she yelled or hit me everyday,
So when she wasn't able to walk anymore, it was up to me to support her.
...My mother's always lived a hard life.

I get the feeling,
That if I stay in that depressing house any longer...
But lately...
I've been thinking that continuing to put up with her,
Isn't good for either of us...

I won't even be able to know who I am nor what I'm living for...
Then in the near future,

Sis!
Over here!


"Aiko, I've been thinking for a long time now..."
Sure, and I'll of course pretend I'm not married!
Let's see how many guys' heads I can get turning in my way after losing 5kg with a minor rebound of 2kg gain shortly after that
I'm not good with mixers, you know...
I'm going to pretend to be your co-worker, is that alright?



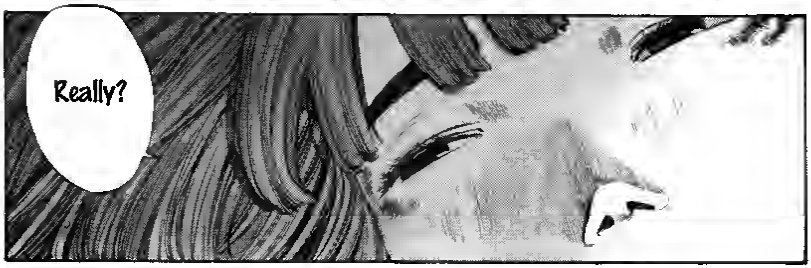
"About moving to a far-away town in the near future."

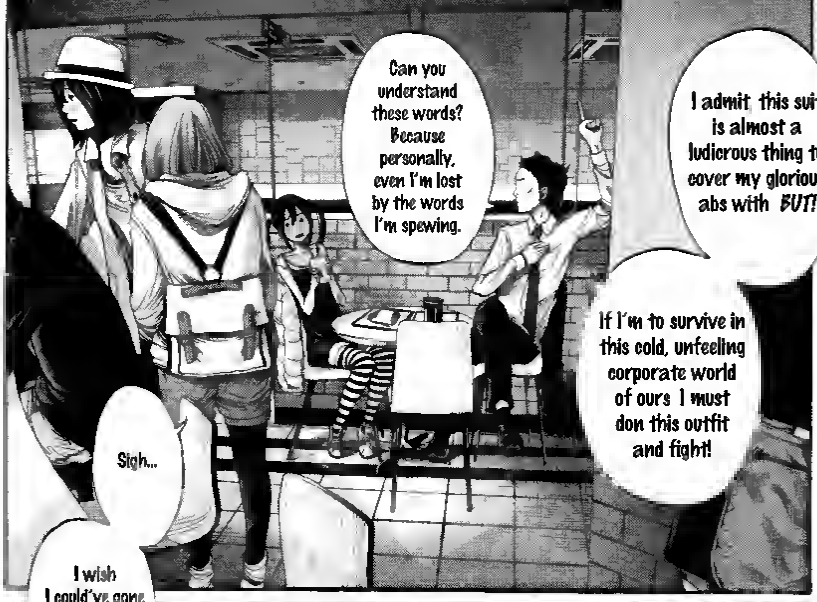
"I thought I'd do it once I took care of some personal matters, but I don't need to take care of that anymore."

"I can't really move before getting my license but there's also no reason for me to stay in this room until then."

"Let's do it...

Let's go somewhere far away and live with just the two of us."




Can you understand these words? Because personally, even I'm lost by the words I'm spewing.
I admit this suit is almost a ludicrous thing to cover my glorious abs with BUT!
If I'm to survive in this cold, unfeeling corporate world of ours I must don this outfit and fight!
Sigh...
I wish I could've gone to Okinawa with Sachi...

"But... Could you at least give a proper explanation to your mother before leaving?"

"I don't think there's a mother in this world who doesn't care at all for her child."

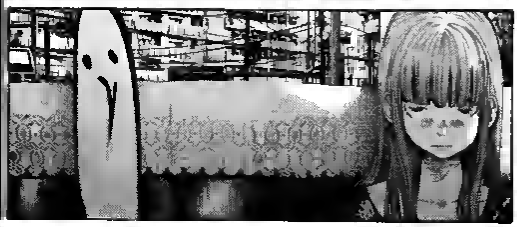
"I'll even come help explain the situation to her so just let me know if that's what you want."

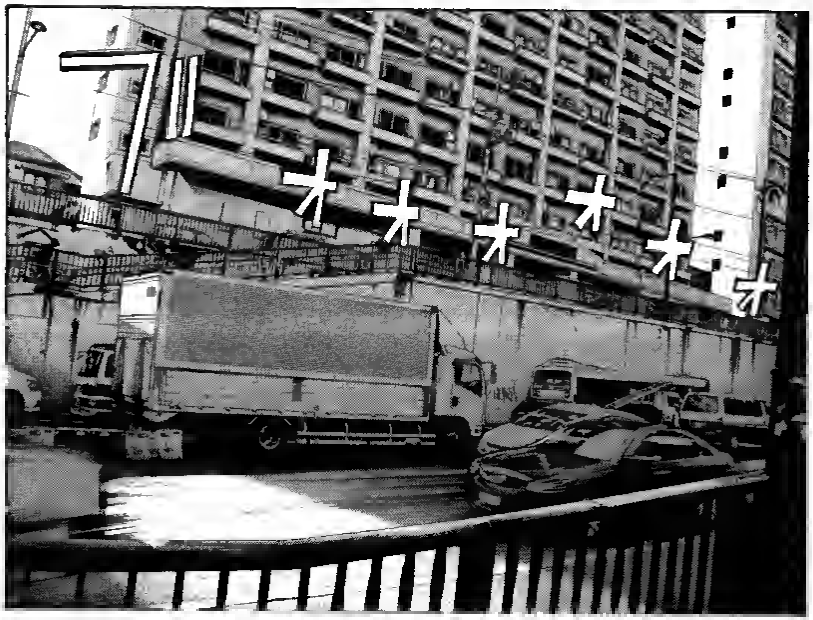
Aiko, you really are...

...Fine, let's go right now.
I think that's a good idea too, and whatever you say is right.

This is fine. There, everything will be settled once and for all.

I realize now that the world is not mine, but rather…



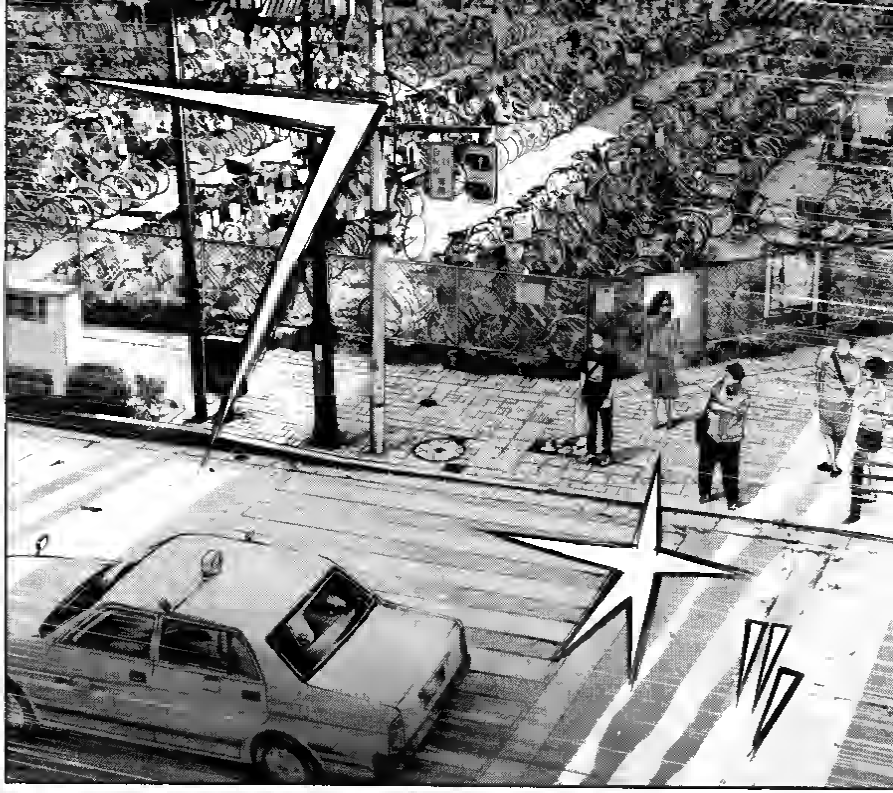


My world is yours and yours only.

The time that froze on that day
began to move once more.

Punpun was certain,

That Aiko really was his
one-true fated person.



The world began to fade away into the distance.

Faded away into the stillness of the 6pm-sunset.
The world which would continue the revolve as it always had even if he were to disappear.

Don't look back now.

Aiko's hand was just as soft, warm, and small as when they were kids. He would never let go of her hand a second time, Punpun thought to himself.

...There's no turning back now.

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